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BIRTH

ASUNCION.—On April 14, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai to Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Asuncion, a daughter, JUSTINA MARIETTA. -6369

MARRIAGE

TOEG—MOSES.—On April 14, 1940, at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, Shanghai, by Mr. Ezekiel Jacob, WINIFRED DIANA, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. MOSES, of Shanghai, to EZEKIEL FARAJ, elder son of the late Mr. ASLAN TOEG, and Mrs. TOEG, of Shanghai. 12044

DEATHS

WALTHER.—On April 14, 1940, at the Russian Orthodox Hospital, AEXANDER A. WALTHER. The funeral will take place at the Lokawei Cemetery, today, at 2.30 p.m. A Requiem Mass will be held at 1 p.m. sharp, at the Russian Cathedral Church, Rue Paul Henry. (Tientsin papers please copy.) -3699

PHILIP.—On March 7, 1940, at his residence, Ythan, 13 Esplanade, Williamstown, Captain WILLIAM PHILIP, in his 80th year, beloved husband of the late Catherine, dearly-loved father of Mary, William, Dorothy and Enid.

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of the late Mr. K. W. CAMPBELL wish to thank their friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent bereavement, also for their donations to St. Andrew's Society. 12036

The Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai of Church House, Kiangse Road, is always willing to receive *In Memoriam* donations and make allocations to the Charities in most need. 11714

RE THE ESTATE OF JOSE VILLAS
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the above estate are requested to file the same with this Consulate General not later than May 15, 1940, after which date no claims will be considered.

And all persons indebted to the said estate should make immediate payment to this Consulate General.

PEDRO DE YGUAL,
Consul-General.

Spanish Consulate General,
Shanghai, April 15, 1940.
12035

NOTIFICATION No. 5282.

VOTING TICKETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voting tickets are being forwarded by post on Monday, April 15, to ratepayers entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held in the Shanghai Race Club (Public Stand), 305 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, April 17, 1940, at 2.30 p.m.

Ratepayers who have not received their tickets by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at the latest, are requested to communicate with the Deputy Treasurer-Revenue, No. 209 Kiangse Road, Tel. No. 12810-ext. 27.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 13, 1940.
12019

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following sub-delivery orders:—

5/2 for 26 rolls Newsprint Paper (countersigned by Messrs. Banque de l'Indochine).

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ex ss. Talthybius arrived Shanghai on March 24, 1940, issued by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, have been lost and declared cancelled.

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CONSULAR ORDINANCE No. 158

We, Marcel Baudez, Consul-General for France in Shanghai, Officer of the Legion of Honour,

In consideration of Article 2 of Consular Ordinance No. 78 of February 19, 1940,

In consideration of the decision of the Committee to Control the Prices of Daily Necessaries of Life, taken on April 4, 1940.

Have ordered and do order:

ARTICLE I.—The present Ordinance shall apply to all merchants selling by retail the products mentioned in the annexed list.

ARTICLE II.—These merchants must affix outside their shops or at a point peadable from the public footpath, an extract from their current price list of provisions that are daily necessaries of life sold by their shops.

The list of prices posted up must be either in the French or English language; in the case of merchants who have dealings with Chinese or Russian clients, a second list, in Chinese or Russian, may be posted up by the side of the first list.

ARTICLE III.—The goods exposed for sale on the inside or outside of the shop must bear a tag indicating the retail sale price of the goods (per kilogramme, per piece, per dozen, per litre, etc.). These prices must be marked in Arabic figures and must not be less than 3 cm. in size.

ARTICLE IV.—The first infraction of the present Ordinance will be dealt with by a warning being given.

Further infractions will be punished by a fine ranging from $1 to $500.

Withdrawal of licence may be ordered after conviction by the Consul-General.

ARTICLE V.—The warnings and the convictions or sentences delivered by virtue of the preceding Article may be published by poster or by an insertion in the newspapers through the medium of the Consular Police.

ARTICLE VI.—Articles 13 and 14 of Consular Ordinance No. 34 of January 29, 1940 will be applicable in the case of the posters issued by virtue of the present Ordinance.

ARTICLE VII.—The Director of Police Service will undertake the enforcement of the present Ordinance.

MARCEL BAUDEZ,
Consul General for France.

Shanghai, April 12, 1940.
12045

THE SHANGHAI KELANTAN RUBBER ESTATES (1925), LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at No. 9 Avenue Edouard VII, Shanghai, on Tuesday, May 7, 1940, at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939.
(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect a Director.
(4) To elect Auditors.
(5) To transact other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 27 to May 7, 1940, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, April 15, 1940.
12050

SHANGHAI GAS CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventy-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Head Office, 656 Yu Ya Ching Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, April 30, 1940, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1939; to elect Directors and decide their remuneration; to elect Auditors; to declare a Dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 21 to April 30, 1940.

Proxies, to be valid, must be lodged with the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. J. BROWN, *Secretary*

Shanghai, April 15, 1940.
12023

To-day's Events

APRIL

16 Lester Chinese Hospital mtg., 145 Shantung Rd., 5.30
16 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess,' Lt. Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
16 A.W.C. 'Sketching,' Mrs. Dunlap, 4.30
16 British flag hoisted at Kowloon (1899)
16 Manchoukuo oil monopoly law (1935)
16 Anglo-Italian Agreement (1938)
16 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

Coming Events

APRIL

17 Ratepayers' Mtg, Race Club Stand, 2.30
17 M. Paci and his 3 Pupils (Pianists) 4 Piano-Concertos with Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 Missions to Seamen ann.-gen. mtg. 5.30
18 Scouts Boxing, For. Y.M.C.A., 5.30
18 Asiatic and Indian Dances by Slavina-Brown and Indira-Devi, Lyc., 9.15
19 Shakespeare Society, For. Y. 9
20 Cathedral Boy's Sch., Athletic Sports. Sports Gd., Keswick Road, 2.15
20 Concert Shanghai American School, 8.30
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé
20 A. Slobodskoy's gala performance, "Bayadere Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
21 "Bayadere" Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
21 Municipal Orchestra Concert Lyc., 5.15
23 A.W.C. Music Dept. Programme 4.30
25 Royal Asiatic Society—Cinema
25 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 DAYS from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the Directors they will then proceed to deal with such application for duplicates.

By Order of the Directors,

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Shanghai, March 18, 1940.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with the announcement in the Central China Post a Drawing of Debentures for redemption took place at the Office of the Company on Monday, April 8, 1940, in the presence of the Members of the Committee, the Trustees for Debenture Holders, the Company's Auditors and interested Debenture Holders. The Debentures drawn were as detailed in the following Auditors' certificate.

By Order,

Hankow Race Club & Recreation Ground

R. E. BLAIR, *Hon. Secretary*

We hereby report that we were present at the drawing of 350 Debentures which took place at the Race Club on April 8, 1940, and certify that the drawing was carried out in the presence of the Members of the Committee, the Trustees for the Debenture Holders and interested Debenture Holders and that the following numbered warrants were drawn for redemption.

0009	0010	0014	0111	0117	0139	0147	0166	0169	0178
0182	0206	0244	0250	0268	0291	0306	0313	0320	0325
0331	0358	0394	0397	0402	0411	0412	0415	0417	0445
0450	0456	0480	0489	0499	0513	0540	0544	0551	0560
0568	0600	0611	0630	0667	0672	0676	0713	0718	0721
0732	0744	0765	0768	0808	0814	0835	0845	0897	0901
0929	0933	0935	0968	1014	1027	1035	1043	1122	1125
1129	1148	1149	1167	1179	1181	1198	1221	1225	1245
1248	1267	1299	1341	1347	1357	1361	1383	1424	1441
1445	1482	1617	1622	1626	1644	1682	1688	1696	1716
1719	1726	1739	1749	1757	1761	1775	1830	1845	1855
1858	1874	1886	1902	1904	1950	1971	1992	2021	2044
2049	2060	2067	2081	2088	2095	2123	2130	2136	2151
2152	2204	2300	2306	2308	2315	2341	2351	2359	2392
2424	2432	2446	2454	2456	2457	2463	2469	2500	2537
2551	2580	2589	2591	2594	2618	2633	2644	2687	2710
2716	2743	2750	2755	2759	2768	2772	2776	2787	2808
2817	2846	2852	2856	2895	2907	2915	2939	2945	2947
2949	3013	3024	3054	3066	3069	3087	3102	3110	3135
3136	3148	3204	3207	3212	3239	3272	3273	3284	3303
3343	3357	3368	3369	3383	3386	3413	3450	3475	3530
3533	3563	3568	3586	3616	3637	3641	3673	3676	3688
3730	3740	3753	3772	3802	3829	3835	3838	3850	3875
3891	3892	3908	3915	3919	3935	3966	3979	3982	3989
4016	4020	4029	4036	4057	4062	4063	4065	4068	4072
4085	4086	4093	4098	4126	4144	4180	4198	4199	4209
4263	4278	4313	4348	4362	4364	4397	4416	4421	4422
4430	4443	4462	4469	4474	4477	4480	4491	4504	4515
4517	4521	4527	4535	4542	4557	4561	4566	4592	4597
4605	4620	4629	4630	4659	4691	4713	4716	4723	4763
4777	4779	4780	4782	4790	4805	4810	4820	4832	4857
4867	4874	4885	4891	4925	4927	4940	4960	4967	4968
4978	4987	4993	4997	5007	5014	5015	5037	5064	5075
5087	5115	5130	5146	5173	5220	5221	5225	5257	5289
5296	5308	5324	5328	5347	5351	5367	5487	5490	5494.

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Hankow, April 10, 1940.
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REALTY INVESTMENT COMPANY
R. T. McDONNELL, Receiver
By his Attorney
W. A. ADAMS
11693

THE SHANGHAI-MALAY RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Monday, April 29, 1940 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 20 to April 29, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, April 16, 1940.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, hanghai on Monday, April 29, 1940 at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 20 to April 29, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, April 16, 1940.
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Classified Advertisements continued On Page 12

THE LESTER CHINESE HOSPITAL

The Annual Meeting of Subscribers to The Lester Chinese Hospital will be held at the Hospital Building, 145 Shantung Road, TO-DAY at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by

A. H. GEORGE, ESQ., C.M.G.
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Meteorological Reports	Apr. 14 16.00	Apr. 14 21.00	Apr. 15 4.00	Apr. 15 9.00
Barometer inches	30.21	30.25	30.20	30.22
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.16	+0.02	—0.10	—0.09
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.09	—0.06	—0.01	—0.03
Wind (direction)	WNW	WNW	SW	SW
,, (miles per hour)	16.8	0.6	7.4	8.7
Temperature (Fahr.)	58.5	49.6	46.9	55.4
Humidity %	47	78	93	75
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	10	9	9
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report April 14	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.26	+0.21	30.00
Temp. Min. 44.6 Max. 61.5	53.1	—6.4	55.6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	10.81	0.03	9.35

Time and Tide	16/4	17/4	18/4	19/4	20/4	21/4	22/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.25	5.24	5.23	5.22	5.21	5.19	5.18
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.23	18.24	18.25	18.25	18.26	18.26	18.27
Moon rises at Shanghai	12.02	13.05	14.09	15.16	16.23	17.31	18.39
Moon sets at Shanghai	0.50	1.37	2.20	3.03	3.45	4.28	5.13
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.10	5.40	7.25	8.40	9.35	10.23	11.00
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	9.25	11.10	12.02	13.10	14.08	15.00	15.45
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	6.20	7.44	9.18	10.00	10.47	11.38	12.15
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	7.12	7.30	7.73	9.19	8.90	9.30	10.28

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, April 16. *Reg.* *Ord.*

Hongkong	*20.00	7.15
Ningksien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Wenchow	*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Ningksien etc.	11.30	12.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	15.30	16.00
Wenchow	15.30	16.00
Foochow via Santuao	16.30	17.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Amoy and Hongkong	19.30	20.00

WEDNESDAY, April 17.

Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	7.30
Hongkong and Haiphong	8.30	9.00
Tinghai Shenkiamen via Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez B	10.30	12.30
Hongkong and Canton	12.00	12.30
Aust. N.Z. Manila Straits Ceylon India	18.00	19.00
Hongkong and Canton	18.30	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

THURSDAY, April 18.

Hongkong	*20.00	7.15
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for S.S., Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 16th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, Straits, Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, France and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 16th.
C Parcel mail for Straits, F.M.S., Ceylon, India, Egypt, E-Soudan, Italy and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 17th.
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Next parcel mail for U.S.A., closes on April 20, 1940.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Suez on April 16.
Per steamer via Suez, on April 17.
Per steamer via Pacific, on April 20.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on April 17, at 6 p.m. for registered and at 7 p.m. for ordinary due London on May 1.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on April 17, at 6 p.m. for registered and at 7 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 30.

Air France per steamer on April 17, at 6 p.m. for registered and at 7 p.m. for ordinary.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Napies) per steamer to Hongkong.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong, Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00 at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow for Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.

Canton per Shanghai-Canton Air Line close at 8.30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Ningsia, Shensi, Szechuen, Yunnan Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Peiping, Tientsin, Tatung, Kalgan, Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao, Tungshan, Shihkiachwang, Chengte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hwa Air Transport Co. daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe and U.S.S.R. via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—
Yesterday Min. 49.0 Max. 65.5
Same date, 1939 Min. 53.5 Max. 64.0
Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—
Yesterday Min. 43.5 Max. 68.5
Same date, 1939 Min. 54.7 Max. 58.6

State on the morning of the 14th:—High and steady pressure over China: rather normal and steady over Japan. Fresh northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine to cloudy and cool weather.

State on the morning of the 15th:—Cloudy weather, South-westerly breezes. High and falling pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather and south-westerly winds around Shantung. Fine to cloudy with south-westerly to south-easterly winds over our regions. Cloudy to overcast with rain and northerly to easterly winds over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

Central British War Fund (Shanghai)

Balance brought forward 601,382

Anonymous	565	J D R	30
A F L I C	2,500	C C G S	11
S H P R	300	Buckle L D W	500
E A T	100	K J P L	4,500
Jones A	50	Poker	26
Merrett E L	50	Abraham D E J	50
Tolmie G W	50	Abraham R D	50
Wanderleach W	50	Abraham E	20
Jones S	100	Cumming K M	500

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Annonymous 50

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Anonymous	918	Piper E A H	20
Fumford Co	100	J S P	10
Heritage	10	Harry Boy	20
Members	21	Neil W D M	25
Brown G G	10	Sennitt A V	10
Charters W	10	Scobie J K	25
Cobbett A M	50	Palmer E J	10
Carson W I	20	Monitor 27	10
A H A	75	Murray J M	10
Brooke J T W	25	Ray F R	10
Beeching E	10	Roko	15
F S C	50	Wolfe S W	50
W V K C	10	Excigs	10
Banham H G	20	Ward W J	20
E M A	40	Stevenson G	25
Deitch R	25	J S	10
W B P	25	O S	10
S M	26	Sinclair I G	25
Dickson W N	20	Sinclair A C	10
Crickmer H A	10	W A W	10
Gimson A F	25	R C T	10
Dearn J W	20	Smith J C	15
G F D	15	Stanley R Miss	20
Day J	10	Tod C C	30
Connelly H	10	Smith S J	10
Hall B F	100	McGregor J H	25
Harrison G	30	Yee Tsoong	178
Harvey A H	15	Jones R A	50
Cowe G M	10	E F D	20
Harman A	100	D W	50
Elles R J	25	Edelsten R M	15
Juno	5	Keating D	50
Howe W C J	5	Moore & Co	25
King C F	20	Lynch K Miss	5
Marsh J W P	50	Gray A T	3
Malmar	25	Pether H E	25
McLay F S	25	Riggs S C	20
Macdonald J S	20	Wellsted M Mrs	5
H G K	50	Woodward L A	25
T A L	20	Cleland H R	100
Jenssen G W	10	Karanjia S P	5
M & P Drs	100	R F C M	100
Jackson F sr	10	Brook D Mrs	10
Kimber C S	10	Curtis J B	25
J D & P Drs	100	Shai Dock	160
Hutcheon R R	25	Bond W C	50
David	10	J E	10
Jamieson J	15	Brown W D	10
Robertson J	20	J L Mr & Mrs	50
Pembertson IGM	20	Weiner T S	5
Miller H H	10	Henry J	10
Morcher J W	20	R S H	25
Pettitt A V	50	H M	150
Pratt G S	10		
Rothwell J	5	Total	$614,935
Miller J	10		

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MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Balance brought forward	£10,986. 0. 2
Cook H J M	1. 0. 0
Brown W	1. 0. 0
Rosser P M	1. 0. 0
A Welshman	8. 0. 0
Shaw H A U.S.$10 @ 358½	2.15. 9
	£10,999.15.11

St. Tichon's Orphanage Appeal Fund

Previously acknowledged:— $18,577

Anonymous	27	A E S	5
A R Burkill & S	50	C L O, J A E,	12
W Mellor	25	G E O Myde	25
Thomson & Co	10	H Stemberg	5
Eickhoff & Co	5	S A Trehleff	5
V Songaillo	3	G Stevenson	5
G von Gattan	10	R L Evens	25
K and A	5	C Madar	5
F M Koppelman	10	Yenci	10
de Vries Jan	10	L E Kosloff	20
Am Trading Co	10	P C A (Clunie)	20
Markitant	5	A P C	56

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

Europe's Gangsters:

A Scandinavian's View

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I am using above title in my letter to you as I find it the most appropriate term in regard to what Adolf and his gang is doing in Europe, not to forget his worthy ex-convict comrade Stalin. They are acting exactly the same way as the Japanese are acting against China and foreigners in China, both nations think that "might is right"; but the day will come that will show them how mistaken they were, as they both are going to lose and pay heavily for all the wrong they have done to mankind.

I am an old Scandinavian and love my King and Country, but am too old to fight, and what I feel and now I feel today when a brute has entered my peace-loving country only I know. The Huns have, as always, broken their pledges given, and I hope sincerely that when the day of victory comes to the Allies, that they will occupy the whole of Germany for years to come, so as to give them a taste of what they have done to other countries. I am unable to refrain from uttering my disappointment that Britain has not acted so promptly before as she now is doing in the case of Norway. I think a lot of misery would have been spared the world, but better late than never, and luck to the Allies.

I don't want to sit in judgment over anybody, but that the Danes did not show fight as the Norwegians have done, is a disappointment to me. After all, we Scandinavians are all descendants of brave Vikings and the Danes have been keeping up an army and fleet, very small, I admit, but what is the use of having spent huge sums, if, when the moment has come, they meekly lay down their arms. I think they should have shown fight. The Norwegians are not in any way stronger, but they are fighting, and I bow my head to them in admiration. Why did they ask for help immediately? The Danes could have done the same, and believe me, the Allied fleets would have been in Copenhagen in no time, as well as at other places along the coast.

Well it is too late to cry over spilt milk, and as we are all sure that Adolf is going to lose in the end, let us wish the Scandinavians that their troubles soon will be over and the day come when we all will see comrades Hitler and Stalin disposed of with their gangs, and Germany under a severe "protectorate" as they call the unlawful occupation of Denmark.

Meanwhile, I wish all the luck to our real friends the Allies, and may they be victorious, and at the same time I hope to see the day when we have no more unlawful sentries on the Garden Bridge and other places, and the best of luck to our Chinese friends, they are busy cracking a hard nut, but, no doubt, they will succeed.

OLD SCANDINAVIAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 11.

A Quotation:

The Source Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could you or any of your readers kindly oblige with the author's name of the lines:

O for the Booke and a shadie nooke
eyther in-a-doore or out:
With the green leaves whisp'ring over-hede
or the Streete cryes all about.
Where I may Reade all at my ease
both of the News and Olde
For a jollie goode Booke whereon to looke
is better to me than Golde."

WORM.

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

Tobacco:

Not Rank But Fragrant

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As one who has benefited by the money that has gone up in smoke, I object to anybody calling tobacco "rank stuff." The Chinese call it Hsiang Yee, which is "fragrant weed" or near it. I remember an old brand called Golden Honey Dew, and honey means honey and nothing else. Even perfumers called one of their products Tabac Blond, although I must confess that when I had a sniff of that, I had to take three whiffs of strong stogies to put me on my feet again.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Apr. 15.

Miss Stewart's Concert:

The Charities Which Benefit

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Herewith are the results of the recital at the Lyceum April 5.

Total receipts		$1,118.15
Expenses: Piano	60.00	
Programmes	39.50	
Advertising	191.38	
Accompanist	150.00	
Theatre rent	375.00	
	$816.38	
Net Proceeds		$301.77

Pair to Miss Henderson's School for Chinese Refugee Children $150.88
and to the Cradle $150.89.

MARY STEWART.

Shanghai, Apr. 13.

INDIRA DEVI IN AN INDIAN INTERPRETATION
SLAVINA-BROWN —
— AND HER MONGOLIAN MASK
MR. A. AVSHALOMOFF WHO COMPOSED MUSIC FOR THEIR RECITAL.
BY SAPAJOU

The Coming Recital of Asiatic Dances

Chamber Music at Lyceum Theatre

Municipal Orchestra's Standard Programme Replaced on Sunday

The success of the policy of occasionally slipping in a chamber music concert, to replace the standard symphonic fixture was again demonstrated on Sunday at the Lyceum. If it is acknowledged that the cream of Schumann and Brahms is contained in their chamber works, then the programme was ideal in its choice. Fuer, of course, is irrepressibly himself, and he'd be a sobersides indeed who would turn up his nose at the pranks of this genial and expert comedian.

Brahms's Duet Sonata for piano and 'cello, Opus 38, was played by Miss Marion van Ruynen, a pianiste who has recently arrived, and Mr. Eugen Winkler, the first 'cello of the Orchestra. In the first place Brahms is all too seldom heard here, and secondly, whoever the composer, it is rarely that one hears an alliance of the order of that provided by Miss van Ruynen and Mr. Winkler. Considered individually, these two are musicians of distinction. In concert, the impression is gained of a double triumph, that of the fulfilment of their respective arts, and as a corollary, the consummation of the greater art of the composer.

Schumann's Quintet

This co-operation this infinite sence of give and take, amounting to a highly organized mental telegraphic system, was not nearly as much felt in the performance of the Quintet of Schumann. The work was played by four of the leading string voices of the Orchestra, while at the piano was Maestro Paci. An imposing array of talent indeed and yet their playing somehow just missed the mark. Their failure always to secure that effortless co-ordination which marks the summit of chamber work, may be explained by the fact that perhaps they do not play often enough together.

The apparently inerrable process of bringing together a number of first-class players to make chamber music does not take into account the difficulty the individual musician may have in subordinating his personal outlook and output when he contributes to a composition which, as an art-form, relies upon elasticity of time-values, and a balance of rhythm, melody and harmony. These factors are only to be achieved by a collectively homogeneous technique, and the sympathetic articulation and delicate adjustment of the slender musical texture of chamber works.

Both the first and last movements of the Quintet were untidy rhythmically, in the relationship of one string part to another, whilst the piano disturbed the even time-flow and impulse of the melodic line by an arbitrary tempo chosen for his solo entries, alien to the composer's indications. The voice of the viola was inclined to timidity, particularly in the first movement where his part in the sequential conversations between the various instruments was barely audible.

The players were more completely at terms in the second and third movements: in the former, the pulsations and tonal gradations made the March as terse and tragic as it is, and the Scherzo voiced all its impishness.

Songs of Tender Nature

Mrs. Ruth Fullam sang four songs of a tender nature, accompanied by the Maestro on the piano. Her Debussy and Strauss were by far superior to her two English songs, both from the point of view of their character and their singing.

Finally, that grand series of jokes in Ibert's Divertissement was skilfully cracked by sixteen members of the orchestra, appreciatively egged on by their leader, Mr. Foa. The witticisms of Ibert are far too buoyant and subtle ever to descend to mere smart-alecisms.—H.

British Bomber Down Near Dutch Frontier

One of Two Craft Attacked by Three German Fighters

The Hague, Apr. 15.

It is officially announced that a British bomber crashed in flames yesterday on Dutch territory near the village of Babberich, close to the German frontier, after a fight with German machines. The fight occurred over German territory, as far as could be ascertained.

The bomber was one of two Royal Air Force bombers which engaged in a fierce battle with three German fighters near the Dutch frontier. One bomber got away, and the fighters concentrated on the other, which was finally shot down.

On touching ground the machine immediately burst into flames so fierce that it was impossible to rescue the occupants.—Reuter.

U.S. Freighter Aground Off Yokohama

Yokohama, Apr. 15.

Entering Yokohama from Los Angeles, the 12,642-ton ss. City of Los Angeles ran aground at a point 500 metres off the entrance to the harbour at 7.30 o'clock this morning.

Efforts to refloat the vessel, which apparently was only slightly damaged, were immediately started by tugboats called to the assistance of the stranded steamer.

The American ship, owned by the Los Angeles Steamship Company, carries a cargo 5,000-ton miscellaneous cargo, in addition to five passengers and a crew of 96, all of whom are safe.—Domei.

Wuhan to Fight All Epidemics

Possibility of Cholera Prepared for

Hankow, Apr. 15.

Energetic steps are being taken in the Wuhan cities to fight the possibility of a cholera epidemic this summer.

Twenty-seven stations have been established in Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang, where free inoculation against the disease is being given.

It is estimated that it will take four to six weeks to complete the inoculation of the entire Chinese populace.

Foreigners must also be inoculated, but certificates of inoculation by foreign doctors and hospitals, provided they are stamped by the Japanese Consulate, will be accepted by the Japanese authorities who, it is stated, will carry out a general inspection at a later date.—Reuter.

Captain of H.M.S. Hardy Among Those Killed

Casualties in First Naval Clash at Narvik Stated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

Captain Warburton Lee was among two officers killed when the British 1,455-ton destroyer Hardy was damaged and wrecked in the action off Narvik on April 10, according to an announcement by the Admiralty. Three other officers were seriously wounded.

Ratings killed numbered fourteen, not including two who are missing and believed to have been drowned. Seriously wounded ratings totalled six.—Reuter.

Danish Margarine Rationed

Berlin, Apr. 15.

The manufacture of margarine and lard compounds and certain similar products has been forbidden in Denmark until further orders, according to German news agency. Margarine is being rationed, it adds.—Reuter.

Blockade of Macao by Japanese Explained

Anti-Japan Movement Is Blamed

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

"Some anti-Japanese movement has been started at Macao and its neighbourhood, necessitating a counter-measure on the part of the Japanese authorities," admitted the Foreign Office spokesman, when asked about the "food blockade" of Macao, at the press conference today, according to a Japanese report.

He announced, however, that the matter would be settled within a few days, thanks to negotiations between the Japanese and Portuguese authorities.—Reuter.

Reopening of Kuling Discussed

Hankow, Apr. 15.

Possibility of the reopening of Kuling as a summer resort was discussed at a meeting of certain foreigners on The Hill last week, according to a report just received here.

Details concerning the meeting are not yet available, but the Special Section of the Japanese military affairs bureau considered it of sufficient importance to invite a foreign pressman to Kuling.—Reuter.

Tokyo Envoy to Sweden Hurries to Post

War Developments Cause Departure from Moscow

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Referring to the departure of Mr. Shikao Matsushima, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Sweden, from Moscow for Stockholm on April 14, the Foreign Office spokesman said at today's press conference Mr. Matsushima had been assisting Mr. Shigenori Togo, Ambassador to Russia, in trade negotiations with the Soviet Government since early January.

"Clouds of war hovering over North Europe, however, forced Mr. Matsushima to hurry to his post, via Berlin."

Mr. Togo, the spokesman, added, was resuming negotiations with the Russian Government regarding trade, the border of Manchoukuo and other questions.—Reuter.

Disastrous Fire in Colon, Panama

Panama City, Apr. 15.

Six people were burned to death in a disastrous fire in the town of Colon last night when 10,000 people were rendered homeless. The entire civilian and military fire-fighting forces on both sides of the isthmus were mobilized to fight the flames. United States troops blew up buildings to save more valuable properties.—Reuter.

German Plane Crashes In Sweden

London, Apr. 15.

The Stockholm wireless reports that a German three-engined aeroplane crashed on the mountainside and caught fire yesterday after flying over the town of Uddevalla, in Goteborg, Sweden. It also reports that a Junker machine had previously made a forced landing in the western part of Sweden.—Reuter.

Comédie Francaise Troupe Returns

Paris, Apr. 15.

The troupe of the Comédie Francaise returned to Paris today after a successful tour through the Balkans. The troupe played in Zagreb, Bucharest, Athens, Belgrade, Sofia, Istanbul, Ankara, Damascus, and Beirut.—Havas.

OBITUARY

Sir George Buchanan

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

Sir George Cunningham Buchanan, internationally-known engineer associated with big harbour, dock and river works, died yesterday. He was 74.

He practiced his profession on railway, harbours, docks and river works in Venezuela, Canada, Argentine, Spain, Jamaica, and England from 1886 to 1896. He was chief engineer of the Rangoon Port Trust from 1901 to 1915. As chief executive officer of port and pilot services, he designed new port works and carried out the Rangoon river training works scheme at a cost of £1,000,000.

Sir George Buchanan served with the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force in 1915-17 as Director-General of Port Administration and River Conservancy.

In 1922 at the request of the government he visited South Africa, inspected all ports, reported on development schemes and economic conditions.

He travelled through Zululand, investigating the possibility of constructing a port and railway on the coast. At the request of the federal government he visit Australia in 1924 to report on transportation facilities with special reference to ports, port finance, administration, and development.

He was the author of several books.—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF APRIL 16, 1870

Our readers are aware that M. Remusat has been trying, lately, to get up a subscription for a band of wind instruments, to play in the public garden. He wanted $1,200 of which $300 were to be spent in purchasing the instruments. The Municipal Council have, however, offered the instruments formerly used by the Police Band, which has now collapsed; so as M. Remusat has been already promised $800, the scheme may, we presume, be considered settled. We hear that the Public Garden Committee have decided to erect a pavilion in the garden, for the accommodation of the band. A temporary one, of bamboo, will be constructed now, until an iron one can be got from home.

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Number of Bonds in Force	Special Reimbursement	Total Amount of Reimbursements
76,459	$38,229	$229,377

Reimbursements				Drawn by Bond Nos.	Total
1	Special Reimbursement	of $38,229		11418	$ 38,229
38	First reimbursements	of $ 2,000	each	641 3237 3518 4601 4958 5525 5745 9453 11637 12446 13101 17612 17878 20125 23222 23483 24148 27748 27828 27900 28834 38595 41654 42794 44526 45657 48775 49666 49948 52481 54244 55354 56931 61872 63180 68692 71572 71836	$ 76,000
38	Second	of $ 300	each	929 1707 2204 3060 3885 7036 7981 8890 8953 9075 9128 13599 16803 17857 20513 22571 25143 26713 34052 39581 39908 41182 41801 42881 44238 46234 53581 56283 60556 64481 66177 66798 68133 69778 71194 72831 74853 75016	$ 11,400
38	Third	of $ 200	each	627 3228 5872 7125 8221 10267 11373 11529 12820 13064 14134 16831 20481 24036 24203 25294 27071 27347 28036 30062 30649 33216 35830 36950 37043 41843 43190 45160 45780 46549 46781 58214 65328 65560 67530 71040 71840 72070	$ 7,600
38	Fourth	of $ 100	each	962 1874 3164 6640 9400 10140 10927 11089 14678 16026 21741 22280 24588 35151 36057 36849 40686 44226 49105 50166 52984 53025 53163 53737 54638 57759 59426 60355 61546 63089 65378 65940 65976 66190 67141 73040 73414 75146	$ 3,800
1	Supplementary	of $ 459		47883	$ 459
1	"	of $ 68		5871	$ 68
1	"	of $ 46		70108	$ 46
1	"	of $ 23		69037	$ 23
7,646	Terminal	of $ 12	each	Terminating with No. "3"	$ 91,752
7,803	Reimbursements Totalling				$229,377

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Woman's Page

A MAYFAIR NOTEBOOK

By Philine

London, Mar. 8.

Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball, in normal times, opens the London season and is one of the season's most important events. It stages the first grand parade of the year's débutantes; but it is only one of many entertainments which the society girl attends from mid-April to mid-July.

This year, Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball, held in the West End on Leap Year Night, in all its peacetime glory, despite the war, comprised the greater part of the London season so far as the 1940 débutantes were concerned. With the cancellation of the Royal courts and most other purely social activities, it was the one and only star turn of the season, and as such it had to be enjoyed to the full. And it was: into a few hours on Leap Year Night our young folk crammed the fun of a whole peacetime season.

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Coming Out in White

The committee organizing the affair adapted themselves to the times and permitted men to attend in uniform or dinner jackets. But, one hundred and fifty strong, the débutantes entered the ballroom at Grosvenor House, white gowned as tradition demanded and with white flowers in their hair. They came in as their sisters had done last year, parading four abreast, to curtsey before the giant cake which Mrs. Churchill cut in the absence of a member of the Royal Family.

Usually, a direct descendant of Queen Charlotte, or a wife of one, attends the ball, the proceeds of which go to the Queen Charlotte Hospital. The famous old hospital is doing very useful war work just now in looking after the wives and new babies of servicemen, as it did at the time of the battle of Trafalgar, and has done ever since.

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Antique Four-Poster from Hollywood

Among those who "came out" at this ball was Miss Faith Brook, daughter of film star Clive Brook. Since the Brooks came to live in London they have made their home in a beautiful old Georgian house in the suburb of Hampstead, where one can find souvenirs of the star's busy and successful years in Hollywood.

Their home is delightfully English in its decorations and furnishings. So English is it that it is difficult to believe the antique mahogany four-poster bed, draped with plum-coloured damask, which stands in Mr. Brook's white-walled bedroom, comes from Hollywood. The bed is one of Mr. Brook's most treasured souvenirs for it has been photographed in many of his American films. Having served its purpose as a film set "prop," it was packed up and brought to this country when the family settled here.

Mrs. Brook has novel ideas on house furnishing. Credit is due to her for the restfulness and charming colour scheme of the drawing-room, with its soft cream walls, green pile carpet and curtains of green-printed linen. The easy chairs and settees here, upholstered in corded velvet, in such different shades as pink, smoke grey, fawn and green, give a striking but a completely harmonious effect.

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They All Love England

One wonders how many actors and actresses from Hollywood, visiting England, have raved about the quiet and beauty of the English countryside? Not a few have said wistfully that they would like nothing better than to spend "the evening of their days" here.

Miss Ellen Drew, the vivacious little "vamp" of "French Without Tears," is the latest to fall a victim to England's charms. She vows that, when she has "made her fortune," she will retire to a little English cottage "way down in the woods." And she will spend her time gardening, growing food as well as flowers, and riding.

Miss Drew has fallen too for an English dress fashion. She likes the little round berets which we wear on as many occasions as possible, and she is taking a selection back with her to Hollywood. These are of different colours — red, green and petunia—to match three frocks.

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A Theatre to Give Away

It is not every actress who has a chance to make her stage début on a real stage, in a real theatre, yet in the friendly atmosphere of her own home. Ida Lupino, who now lives in California with her husband, was a fortunate child. No sooner had she decided upon an acting career for her future, than her father, Stanley Lupino, was able to try out her talent in the little Lupino family theatre which still stands in the garden of the comedian's London home.

Indeed, Mr. Stanley Lupino built the theatre, a miniature of the famous Gaiety Theatre, for Ida, and all the younger generation of the Lupinos have acted in it. Maurice Chevalier once came to watch a Lupino family production, from the tip-up seats in the auditorium. The theatre is perfectly equipped with proscenium, wings, cloths, are lights and an electric system modelled upon the Gaiety Theatre.

The Lupinos used to stage revues and Mr. Lupino would rehearse all the young members of the family, giving them all "a proper West End contract" and a salary of 7s. 6d. a week.

Now, like so many other English families, the Lupinos are scattered. With his daughter in Hollywood, and his wife visiting Ida, Mr. Lupino feels lonely in his old home and intends to move into a small flat. So, he wants to get rid of his theatre. But he will not sell it. His idea is to give it to the troops. The theatre can be moved quite easily, and he feels the troops might be glad to have the place for theatrical performances.

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Contrast: Fashion's Keynote

Dress designers have shown great ingenuity in combining the practical with the cheerful and becoming in the lines and colours of our spring clothes. Silk frocks, plain or printed, will have their tailored jackets. If the frock is a plain and not a printed one, then, usually, the jacket will be in print.

Neck-tie silk, which tailors perfectly, makes up many of these new sunny-day suits. Designs in these are small—rose stars, for instance, on a background of slate blue. Contrast is fashion's keynote at the moment. Horizontal stripes are seen on jackets, and vertical stripes on accompanying skirts. Norman Hartnell features a great deal of pale grey flannel, with blouses, hats and gloves in the gayest colours, such as red and emerald green. One of his suits has a jacket in chalk stripe grey flannel, and skirt in plain grey. This contrast in colour and design is an economy fashion which should be appreciated by most women.

American Women In Politics

The able manner in which the U.S. Minister to Norway is fulfilling her duties in difficult circumstances lends interest to the little band of women who are taking an active part in their country's government. Pictured in Washington, D. C., these six members of the House of Representatives met for the first time to discuss the welfare of the nation and what they could do to help out. They are (left to right) Rep. Mary Norton of New Jersey; Rep. Frances Bolton of Ohio (the first woman representative from that State); Rep. Clara McMillan, Rep. Edith Norse Rogers of Massachusetts; Rep. Jessie Summer of Illinois; Rep. Caroline O'Day of New York.

Abbey Without Its Treasures

By Walter G. Bell

Westminster Abbey has stood through many wars since Edward the Confessor first laid its stones, and warrior kings—Plantagenet, Lancastrian and Tudor—have been brought there for burial. The captains are commemorated around them. To the Abbey all turn as the Valhalla of our race.

Do you recall it in the Great War? The Abbey was a focus of resort in London. On any day one met there conducted parties in hospital blue; from the training camps came men in khaki; and men on leave, wherever their homes, must, it seemed, look in upon the Abbey. Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, and men from South Africa and Colonies far apart swelled the number of its visitors.

How different is the Abbey scene today! There is no hospital blue in all the vast metropolis to catch a sympathetic eye. The war hospitals have gone from London. Khaki is today the rarest wear in the Abbey. Training must go on apace and apart.

I have entered the Abbey on many occasions lately. The official guides, always so well informed and readily helpful, are "for the duration" placed at the service of visitors without charge, and only under their guidance are strangers able to pass into the Chapel of the Kings and Henry VII.'s beautiful lady chapel. Yellow sandbags completely conceal the Confessor's shrine.

Six months ago I stood with the Keeper of the Abbey Muniments in the raised chantry chapel of King Henry V., having climbed the worn stone steps to that privileged place. From the eyrie I could just glimpse a corner of the coffin in which the Confessor lies—actually, the case of stout timbers bound with iron which King James II ordered to be made to shield the mortal relics after a plunderer had removed the saintly king's enamelled crucifix and gold chain.

The warlike Harry's iron helmet rests upon the bar by his chantry chapel, but the shield and saddle have been dispatched to "Somewhere in England," as have the Coronation Chair and the Sword of State, for safe keeping. So heavily is the Chapel of the Kings sandbagged that not one of the royal tombs is left clear save the huge plain box of Purbeck marble which contains the relics of Edward I., "the Hammer of the Scots," as the inscription tells.

Pass into King Henry VII's sumptuous chapel. Here, too, is change; perhaps one misses most the accustomed glow of colour from the banners of the Knights of the Bath. All have been removed. Torregiano's wonderful tomb of the king, and that of Queen Elizabeth in the chapel's aisle, are for the most part invisible.

All that is possible has been done by the Abbey authorities to protect the smaller treasures; but the greatest, the incomparable treasure, is the fabric of the great church itself, and that, alack, must stand at the risk which all buildings, historical and unimportant alike, share in wartime.

Popularity of Suits: Importance of Blouses: Hats Must Have Posies

London, Mar. 18.

Easter is generally the time for new spring suits for women and this year they are likely to be even more popular. There are also suits of all kinds. Coats and skirts in contrasting colours; tweed checks with plain skirt and check coat; and plain tailormades—they are all here. Blouses are giving the feminine touch and colours are of the gayest. Women are now studying blouse styles, happy in the thought that this week's official arrival of spring justifies a new outfit, particularly after a winter when it was seldom possible to wear an alternative to the fur wrap.

There are many distinctive features by which the blouses of 1940 will make their mark in fashion. Both overblouse and tuck-in styles are trim and fitting, with high necklines, fulness at the shoulders and waisted. So little material is needed to make either, from one to two yards, that for a small sum and expenditure of time an important new item can be added to the wardrobe. Printed materials are favoured by London and Paris designers, particularly navy blue patterned in red, or vice versa. Tucks and stitched effects give interest. Pleats appear in the new squared neckline that is the chief alternative to the high rounded one.

Things Serious and Gay

Only a few stopping days remain before Easter. The true wool fabrics which are light because they are 100 per cent. wool, will not be available for long, and even the most conscientious follower of Sir John Simon's speeches realizes that this is a purchase which will last over years. The shops are doing very well, since women feel that many of the clothes now being sold will not be long available.

In hats the spring is blooming; many of them are made entirely of flowers. This year there is a perfect craze for such hats, which act as a spring tonic. Many of them are crownless and made in the shape of horseshoes for luck. Then there are pill box hats with a strap under the chin. Felt sports hats are, indeed, at a discount, especially as these flower hats go with anything—plain suits or furs. Of course there are also straw hats, but even these are trimmed with posies.

Although it is spring and women are thinking of new clothes there are other sides to their activities. Thus it is said that leading women's organizations want the Government to appoint a woman as Under-Secretary in the Ministry which will deal with problems arising when the great call up of women war-workers comes. The approach to the Government has been made by the London and National Society of Women's Service, which represents over thirty women's associations. They want this woman to deal with the recruitment of women for war work; devising and carrying out schemes of intensive advanced training; the welfare of the workers; conditions of their employment and the question of child welfare. No doubt someone will be appointed to attend to these matters.

Old Paint

Burning It Off

When odd jobs of repainting are being done by the amateur the removal of coats of old paint is often a great difficulty. A good substitute for a painter's blow-lamp may be contrived in the following way. Mix together equal parts of methylated spirit and turpentine and apply the mixture to the painted surface with a pad of cotton wool or an old soft brush. Apply a lighted match immediately to the wet surface. The flame of the burning liquid will soon soften the old paint, which should then be removed with a paint-scraper or an old knife. Moisten only a small portion at a time, so that it may be dealt with conveniently before the flame dies out and the paint hardens again. If the work has to be done on fixtures inside the house, have a piece of damp sacking at hand so that the burning paint may be extinguished at once if necessary.

Formerly of Shanghai

The Hon. Mrs. Edward Ward, formerly Miss Maisie Middleton of Shanghai, is the wife of Lord Bangor's only son whose broadcast commentaries from the Finland front were considered the best war despatches that Britain received.

B. W. A.

Tuesday, Apr. 16.—Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon. Sports Section Committee Meeting 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 17.—Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 18.—Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road to noon.

Friday, Apr. 18.—Badminton. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Saturday, Apr. 20.—Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. Badminton.

The Social Service Board are planning a jumble sale early in May and are badly in need of material. Rummage of all sorts will be grateful received, and may be sent to the office, 12 The Bund.

The Committee of the Musical and Dramatic Section announce a very interesting programme for Thursday, April 25. Mrs. R. Gerstel and Mr. B. Foster-Hall will sing. Both these artistes will be remembered for their excellent performances in the recent A.D.C. production, "Lilac Time." There will also be a scene from Twelfth Night, Mrs. C. F. King and Mrs. R. Whittington taking part. Princess Nadine de Leuchtenberg, pianist, will render pianoforte solos and Mr. B. Russell Brown and Miss Jimmie Holwill will present a sketch by A. A. Milne entitled "The Artist." Booking will be open shortly at the Secretary's office at the B.W.A., 12 The Bund. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m., and the concert begins at 5.30 p.m. Owing to general rise in expenses the Committee regret a slight increase in price of members' tickets which will be $1.50 and $2 for non-members of the Section, tea included in both instances.

Americans Knit For Sailors

"Bundles for Britain"

American women are knitting sweaters and socks for British sailors. Their work is being organized and handled by "Bundles for Britain, Inc.," a non-profit organization formed and run entirely by Americans who are anxious to support the British cause.

"It is inspired by the belief that Great Britain is bearing a greater burden and is suffering more acutely than is generally realized," says a small pamphlet issued by the organizers, "and that believers in the ideals of liberty, democracy, human decency, and freedom of spirit, which are being defended by the forces of Great Britain and France will wish to render this aid."

Headquarters have been opened in an unoccupied shop lent to the organization rent free in an exclusive residential section of Manhattan's Park Avenue. Piles of navy blue wool and "S.O.S." posters fill the shop window. Anyone can step in, buy wool and needles at cost price, and get to work. Instructions are provided for regulation service garments. Cheques have been received to cover the cost of wool and needles. School authorities have offered to put their pupils to work. Groups of girls from business offices have volunteered to hold knitting meetings.

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Ministering Children's League

Important Annual Function Fixes Its Date

(Contributed)

THE time is drawing near for the annual function of the Ministering Children's League and, with this in mind, those interested in child welfare are redoubling their efforts to make it an unqualified success despite the difficult times we live in.

Instead of a Bazaar, a Fun Fair will be held this year, which Lady Mossop has kindly consented to open. Mrs. H. C. Hopkins has placed her residence, Charter House, 158 Edinburgh Road, at the service of the League and here, on Saturday, May 18, at 2.30 p.m., will be "all the fun of the fair."

Organizing the Fun Fair is no small undertaking but an energetic body of ladies have this matter well in hand; they are

President .....Mrs. G. E. Marden
Hon. Secretary .....Mrs. C. B. Ogilvie
Hon. Treasurer ..Miss Brendon Parsons

Lady Maze, Mesdames Boaler, Branch, Butt, Carrel, Davis, Davies, Dumbarton, Geldart, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamb, Macdonald, Nicholson, Riggs, Seddon, Stericker, Toeg and the Misses Fryer, Hodgson and Penfold.

What these ladies want is for parents and children, old and young, to make a note of the day, the hour and the place and to support to their utmost this most deserving cause.

What The League Is

Most people know all about the Minister Children's League but, for the benefit of those who do not or have forgotten, the Shanghai Branch of the League came into being some 20 years ago and has a record of achievement to be proud of.

The Ministering Children's League was first founded in England by the late Countess of Meath in 1895, and was started with the idea of encouraging children to take an interest in their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Beyond this the League has no special aim and branches which have been formed all over the world may work for local charities as well as keep in touch with the parent association by donations to the M. C. L. homes. The League is a channel open to all denominations and ready to help all those who are in need.

In the past monies collected at annual bazaars were to a large extent sent Home for the maintenance of children's cots in such institutions as the Ottershaw Homes.

Times have changed however and, with existing exchange conditions, the disbursement of funds is now entirely to local charities. For example, the last annual bazaar netted $11,700, and this sum was disbursed as follows:—

King's Daughters' Society (Milk)	$ 500
King's Daughters' Society (Cot)	500
Social Service Board, B. W. A. (for Children)	800
Mrs. Burton-Sayer's Work Party	200
Children's Refuge and Door of of Hope	500
Institute for Blind and Deaf	1,000
St. Monica's Creche	500
Providence School—St. Joseph's Institute	1,100
Lester Chinese Hospital (Cot)	200
St. Luke's Hospital (Cot)	200
Russian Commercial School—Avenue Petain	500
1st Russian School—Baikal Road	500
Russian Girls' School—Card. Mercier	500
St. Faith's—Jessfield Road	300
Hangchow C.M.S. Hospital	400
White Flower Society	100
St. Tichon's Creche	100
Children's Cot at Country Hospital for one year	1,800
Dentistry Fund for Children (K.D.S.)	500
"I.C." Milk Fund (for Jewish Children)	1,000
European Refugee Fresh Air Camp for Children	300
The Cradle	200
	$11,700

Surely such a result can be considered worthy of even further and greater efforts and the Committee look to all to see that they are achieved this year.

Some Shanghai Efforts

To give some idea of what is being done and who are doing their bit, we have:—

The most successful Bridge and Mahjong Tea already given by Mrs. H. C. Hopkins at Charter House, which realized $740.

The Cathedral School for Girls are holding a "May Day" Entertainment and running a raffle.

The Cathedral School for Boys are running an "Old English Fair" on May 4, a portion of the proceeds of which function will go to the Ministering Children's League.

The Thomas Hanbury & Public School for Girls are to contribute funds garnered at entertainments put on by the school.

The American School will run the Ice Cream Stall at the Fun Fair. This most popular stall is a feature of the Fair.

The Girl Guides are to run a Soft Drink Booth.

The Rangers are having a stall of their own handiwork at the Fun Fair.

The Boy Scouts will be present—helpful as ever.

So far some bumper raffles are in the wind, such as a first class return trip to Hongkong, kindly presented by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Another raffle will be of handsome gifts presented by leading firms. The Children's Stall will run a raffle of a doll's cot, with a beautifully dressed doll.

There will be all kinds of amusements for the children, such as a Fish Pond, a Bran Pie, Chutes, Ejecting the Lodger, Donkey Rides, etc., etc.

The Committee intend—anything to the contrary notwithstanding—that the Fun Fair will be a great success and, with so many willing helpers, they feel confident. So everyone must pull his or her weight—new ideas and new helpers are most welcome.

When an old cushion has become hard and lumpy, open a seam and blow in air with a bicycle pump, and restore soft, downy comfort.

A. W. C.

Tuesday, Apr. 16.—Meeting of Membership Committee 2.30; meeting of Executive Committee 3 p.m.; tea 4 p.m.; Mrs. E. W. Dunlap will talk on "Travel, sketching through the Pei Hai." She will also show some very interesting pictures.

Lovelier Looks

Thin Women

The thin woman is envied wherever she goes. But she has her beauty problems, too.

Are "salt-cellars" your worry? Then buy a jar of flesh-forming cream and massage those hollows night and morning, doing a simple exercise at the same time.

Take a little of the cream on the fingers of each hand. Turn your head to the right, looking as far over the shoulder as possible. Place the right hand on the left shoulder.

As you draw your hand across the collar-bone to the base of the neck, turn the head sharply to the left. Now place your left hand on the right shoulder, draw it to the base of the neck, and turn the head to the right.

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That lean and hungry look is ageing. You can soften it by a little artifice in the way of powder and rouge.

Keep your powder fairly light. You can even put a slightly paler shade over the hollows. Dark powder gives the effect of shadow, accentuating the trouble.

Keep the make-up fairly high on the cheek-bones, and see that there are no sharp edges. A dusting of rouge on the chin gives a rounder look to the face.

Choose a richly nourishing skin-food. When applying it to the cheeks, puff them out as far as possible as though blowing out a candle, then pat in the skin-food as you deflate them.

When the face is very thin the eyes may have a sunken appearance. Make-up rule here is to use eye-shadow very sparingly.

Hollows beneath the eyes should be treated with special eye-cream, which helps to fill them out.

Greater prominence can be given to the eyes by emphasizing the lashes. You can get eye-cosmetique in exquisite shades to go with the individual colouring.

In addition to the usual brown and black, colours include blue-black, violet (good choice for the woman with grey or white hair, since it is very soft), bluegreen to go with hazel eyes, chestnut for the red-head.

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Love's Reawakening

Journalism can lie dormant just so long, even under the threat of air-raids and general destruction; then the old instincts reassert themselves. The American correspondent for an English news syndicate received a wire recently from his boss in London. "Have you any stories connected mother-love humanity sex," it said.

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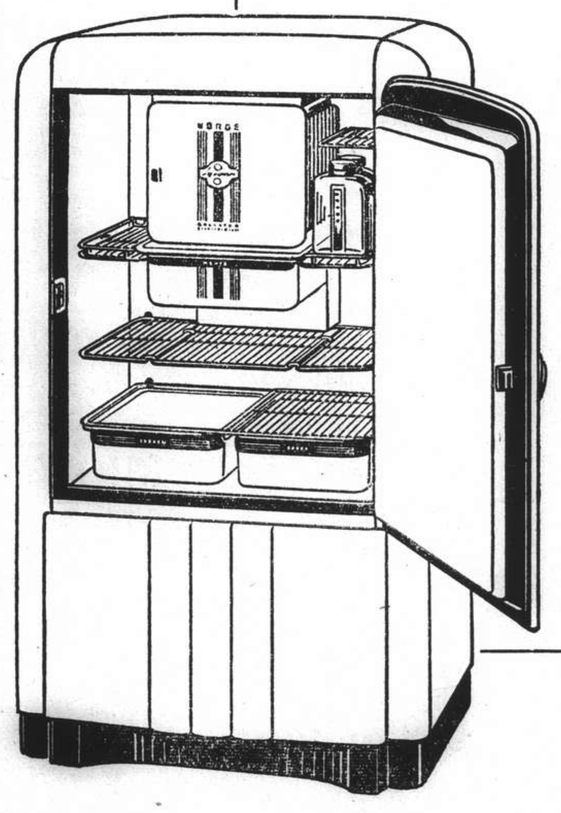

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Baseball Season Opens Today

American Fans Await 154 Games in Each League; New York Yanks Favoured

New York, Apr. 15.

American baseball enters its second century of competition tomorrow with the sixteen major league clubs confidently looking forward to the greatest season in history, from the competitive and also the gate receipt angle.

The spread of night baseball, a concentrated campaign to overthrow the Yankees, American League and World's Champion for the past four years, and prospects of one of the tightest races in history in the National League, promise to send attendance soaring above the 11,000,000 mark.

With two months of training behind them and their competitive sense sharpened by weeks of inter-league clashes in the "grape fruit circuit," the classiest aggregations of diamond stars in the United States went through their tapering off paces today.

Before them lies a 154 game schedule leading to the final classic, the World Series.

American sports fans will have their eyes glued on Philadelphia, where the world champion New York Yankees will make their first bid for their fifth consecutive championship under the leadership of manager Joe McCarthy.

Experts have conceded that the Yanks, boasting the best infield in America, a row of slugging outfielders, veterans for every position and a classy group of youngsters, will have only slight difficulty in defending the bit of bunting which fluttered gaily today over Yankee Stadium.

Fans who follow the National League will have their eyes on the Cincinnati Reds who will be making a determined effort to defend their title against the toughest competition of the past few years.

Other opening games of the season in the American League will see St. Louis playing at Detroit, Cleveland at Chicago and Boston at Washington.

In the National League, Brooklyn will open at Boston, Philadelphia at New York and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. The champion Reds will face the Chicago Cubs on the home lot in their first appearance of the year.—United Press.

Cathedral School Boxing Finals

Spirited Displays by 32 Youngsters

On Saturday afternoon in the garden of the School Boarding House, a most enjoyable time was experienced by a large attendance of boys and parents at the Cathedral School boxing finals. Although the weather was certainly not very inspiring, rain threatening to come down every minute, the participants in the afternoon's events certainly showed that they could "give and take punishment."

At 2.30 p.m. sharp, Mr. Heath after introducing the first two competitors, apologized for the unstableness of the "ring" and expressed his sincerest hopes that the make-shift contraption would not let him down.

The results follow:

A. C. Bourne 46 lb. lost to R. A. Stevens 48 lb.
A. W. Grant 47 lb. draw J. M. St. Louis 47 lb.
D. S. Laing 60 lb. beat D. G. Wells 54 lb.
R. P. Bourne 67 lb. beat N. F. Richardson 67 lb.
H. Scrimgeour 68 draw K. J. Wells 64 lb.
C. Palmer 70 lb. lost to P. V. St. Louis 67 lb.
N. B. Laing 72 beat D. I. Knight 77 lb.
A. A. Knight 80 lb. draw I. Hutchison 81 lb.
S. Huggett 79 lb. lost to E. Evans 90 lb.
J. Cox 91 lost to D. L. Frost 93 lb.
L. Popple 110 lb. lost to A. L. St. Louis 109 lb.
J. Marshall 117 lb. beat V. P. Edwards 112 lb.
J. B. Johnstone 126 lb. beat W. Brandt 99 lb.

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Pole Vault Record By Warmerdam

Berkeley, Cal., Apr. 15.

Cornelius Warmerdam, of San Francisco, shattered the world record for the pole vault yesterday with a leap of 15 ft.

The previous record was 14 ft. 11 in. It was held jointly by the Californians, Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows.—Reuter.

Finals of Junior Squash Tonight

Championship Between S. Ginsbourg and R. D. Parkin In Rowing Club

The final of the junior squash rackets championship will take place this evening at the Rowing Club when R. D. Parkin meets S. Ginsbourg, starting their match at 5.40 p.m. This is the last championship to be played off this season, and has been held over on account of postponements, for otherwise it would have been played at least one week ago.

The two players have both met with fairly difficult tasks in reaching the position they have both achieved, S. Ginsbourg defeated J. K. Wilson and J. Moore in the first and second rounds, the former with comparative ease at 9-0, 9-3, 9-6, but meeting with a hard struggle against Moore whom he beat 9-5, 9-4, 8-10, 10-8. He was to have played against H. Maitland in the semi-final, but the latter had to give him a walk over due to a sprained back.

In the other bracket, Parkin defeated R. S. L. Frewen in five setts to get through the first round, finding A. V. Striker a fairly easy victim in the second round as he defeated him by 9-5, 9-4, 9-7 in that round. He had a tremendous struggle against A. C. Sinclair in the semi-final played last week, when the match went to five games and produced some very close scoring. Parkin eventually won 7-9, 9-4, 2-9, 9-6, 9-5.

First Division Players

Of the two players, Parkin has appeared in the first division as fifth string of the Race Club team and has therefore played in high standard squash. He is a vastly improved player over his last season's performances when he was not even a regular member of the Race Club second division team. He has this season brought off some creditable victories and has a very good chance to win. He plays a varied type of game and is able to change his pace very effectively.

S. Ginsbourg, similar to Parkin, also played in the first division this year as fifth string, his team being the Foreign Y.M.C.A. He is another very improved player over last year and is considered by many as likely to gain even greater prominence next season. He is a tireless player and able to retrieve the most difficult shots.

The two players have met previously in the season's league matches and are therefore aware of each other's play. The match should attract a large crowd and intending spectators are advised to be on hand early.

Argentine Golfers In Boston

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Boston, Apr. 15.

The Argentine golfers, Martin Post and Enrique Bertolino, arrived here Saturday night by aeroplane from New York. It was their first flight.

They plan to remain here a few days to play various Boston courses. They will play a round with Elmer Ward, former New England amateur champion.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Mistinguet Winning the Austral Pou-Ma-Ting Cup

An overwhelming favourite, Mistinguet, with Sokoloff in the saddle, is seen winning the Austral Pou-Ma-Ting Cup in easy fashion on Saturday when the S.R.C. held their 4th Extra Race Meeting at the S.R.C. Behind him are Star Dust and Gold Star.

Scouts Boxing Display At Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Fourteen Bouts to Be Held On Thursday, 5.30 p.m.

The local Boy Scouts annual boxing display takes place at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. sharp. It affords an opportunity for Shanghailanders to see the future champions of the manly art display their boxing skill.

These pugilistic aspirants range from the amazing weights of 50 lb. (flea class) to 150 lb. The programme consists of fourteen action-packed bouts with the cub boxers going three 1¼ minute rounds and the scouts three 1½ minute rounds. The proceeds of the display will go in aid of the Association summer camp fund and the local Scout group funds.

Reservations may be made at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. and tickets may be bought from Scouts or at the entrance during the day of the boxing. Unsold tickets are dwindling daily, and those wishing to see the fight are advised to buy their tickets as soon as possible.

The display is under the patronage of Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Consul-General.

The programme consists of the following bouts:—

1—Law 59 lb. *v.* Neumann 60 lb.
2—Palmer 65 lb. *v.* M. Hendry 68 lb.
3—St. Louis III 66 lb. *v.* Leitao 70 lb.
4—Laing 72 lb. v. Day 72 lb.
5—Periera 72 lb. *v.* Lee 74 lb.
6—Knight 77 lb. *v.* Vickers 73 lb.
7—Nissim 80 lb. *v.* Fleisher 78 lb.
8—Carion 101 lb. *v.* Brandt 99 lb.
9—Cox 91 lb. v. Collaco 95 lb.
10—Hallford 107 lb. *v.* Read 103 lb.
11—Ingmer 116 lb. *v.* Jouravel 118 lb.
12—Dodd 122 lb. *v.* Chaikin 125 lb.
13—C. Campbell 132 lb. *v.* Siemen 131 lb.
14—Gonsalves 138 lb. *v.* C. Butt 138 lb.
Beeman:—Cons. prize.

Jack London's Challenge To Heavyweights

London, Apr. 15.

Jack London, the West Hartlepool heavyweight, who is now a corporal in the Royal Air Force, and who claims that he lost only one fight during the past two years, has made a sweeping challenge.

"I cannot speak in terms of thousands, but I will match myself with any heavyweight for £250 a-side, or, preferably, box any man on behalf of the Red Cross or a similar charity," he said. "I want to draw the attention of Len Harvey and members of the British Board of Control to this offer, for in the past twelve months I have issued repeated challenges to Harvey, Tommy Farr and Eddie Phillips without reply."—Reuter.

Home Tennis Plans Still Uncertain

May Be Some Competitive Play, But Many Clubs Have Lost Members

London, Apr. 15.

Efforts are being made to provide some sort of competitive tennis in England this summer, though what form it will take is so far doubtful. A Wimbledon tournament like those of previous years, when the leading players from all parts of the world took part, is impossible, but some sort of modified championships may be staged.

Clubs that find it necessary to disband are likely to plough their courts up to grow food. Many clubs have lost the greater part of their active male memberships, and they are likely to amalgamate with others for the duration of the war.

One development that, whatever its chance otherwise, is impossible in Great Britain in war time is tennis played at night with the aid of floodlights. There has been considerable interest in this country of reports of tournaments held under such conditions in South Africa, and it is possible that a continued period of peace would have seen a move in that direction.

Opinion Uninstructed

Opinion, so far uninstructed, is divided on the wisdom of such a move. Till the end of the war it will remain uninstructed but the experiment may then be tried.

Mrs. Bobby Heine Miller is among the well-known South African players reported to favour flood-lighting. She recently beat Miss Olive Craze under those conditions, showing good form and stating afterwards that if the match had been played during the day she would have been very tired at the end of it. She found the conditions pleasnat, but volleying and overhead work was a strain on the eyes.

America, in theory at least, is a move ahead with a proposal to play all baseball matches not only by flood-light but indoors so that bad weather will not affect them. The proposer of this scheme does not expect it to be in universal use until 1955.—Reuter.

Shanghai Golf Club

The following is the result of the Ferrier Cup played at Seekingjao on Sunday:

L. D. Carson	79	5	74
W. W. Jourdin	89	12	77
C. Appelboom	92	15	77

Russian Club Hold Volleyball Lead

Win Six Straight Games In Second Division

Russian Club maintained leadership in the "B" Division Section I of the Invitation Volleyball League when the team defeated Hong Yee in one of the three matches played last night by a score of 15-4 and 15-9. The Russians dominated throughout and have now gained six victories in succession.

Sokol trounced the Irons by an equally easy margin of 16-2 and 15-2 and in the last encounter the "Y" Giants took the measure of the Woo Brothers after a close fight which resulted in a score of 15-10 and 15-13.

Following are the present standings:—

FIRST DIVISION

	Sets Won	Sets Lost
Foreign "Y"	4	0
St. George "A"	3	1
Anglo-Chinese I	1	1
White	1	3
Anglo-Chinese II	0	4

LADIES DIVISION

You Hsing	6	0
"Y" Reds	6	1
"Y" Aldesi's	4	1
Ming Lih	4	1
Betar	4	3
Sokol	3	3
"Y" Blues	2	3
Erin Villa "A"	2	3
In Uno	1	4
"Y" Whites	0	6
Erin Villa "B"	0	7

SECOND DIVISION

Section I

Russian Club	6	0
Marry Fellows	5	1
Navy Y.M.C.A.	4	2
Italian Navy	4	2
St. Georges "B"	3	2
Ming Teh	3	3
Hong Yee	2	4
Batar "B"	1	4
Twenty Seven	1	5
Brit Hahayl	1	6

Section II

Russian Regiment, S.V.C.	6	0
"Y" Giants	5	1
Sokol	5	1
Hazelwood	4	2
Betar "A"	4	1
Voo Brothers	1	5
Iron	1	5
Aurora	1	5
Riverside	1	5
Sainst	0	6

New Derby to Be Worth £6,000

Little More Than Half Of Last Year's Value; June 12 This Year

The New Derby, which will be run at Newbury, Berkshire, on June 12, will be worth about £6,000 to the owner of the winner. Last year it was worth £10,625. Seventy-eight entries have been made for the race, a number which racing people regard with great satisfaction. Each owner pays £50 to enter and another £50 will be due for horses left in after June 4. The race executive add £2,000. Most numerous entries are made by Miss Dorothy Paget, and the Aga Khan. Each has nominated five horses. All the best among the entries for the abandoned Epsom Derby have been nominated, as well as the French "cracks" Lord Derby's Lighthouse II and M. Marcel Boussac's Djebel, who were not in the original race. Lord Astor's good filly Golden Penny now has the chance to win both the New Derby and the New Oaks. She was not entered for the Epsom Derby. The King has nominated Great Truth for the New Oaks, to be run at Newbury the day after the Derby.

National Trial Chase Winner

Lord Stalbridge, a member of the National Hunt Committee, and who trains his own horses, won the National Trial Chase at Gatwick on March 2 with Bogskar. This horse is His victims on March 2 numbered 15, of which 10 are in the Aintree race. Few of the big race candidates distinguished themselves, and Bogskar's nearest rivals at the judge were Hobgoblin and Sawfish, who are not engaged at Liverpool. Bogskar has been making rapid improvement all the season. It was his fifth race and his third victory. His jumping left nothing to be desired, and he showed that he is capable of producing a turn of finishing speed. He is engaged at Cheltenham, but Lord Stalbridge is not likely to run him there. Bogskar is an Irish-bred horse and was bought by Lord Stalbridge from Mr. S. McGregor when a yearling. Symaethis, favourite for the National, and who was recently purchased by Mr. T. Westhead, was in the rear for the greater part of the race. She made up ground towards the end, and finished eighth in front of Black Hawk, Royal Mail and Old Pal. Gold Arrow, who is privately trained, ran a good race. He was disputing the lead with Bright 'Un and going well at the fence just before the straight. Here he appeared to be interfered with, and lost a lot of ground. In the straight he made up the leeway, and was not beaten out of a place by more than a length.

Good Rugby Matches

London won the inter-hospitals game against Guy's by two tries to nothing. It was not a particularly inspiring game, there being very few good movements. The sides were evenly matched both as regards forwards and backs, neither had a definite advantage, and the set scrummages were shared equally, while in the loose and the line-out there was nothing to choose between the two packs.

Coventry beat the University at Oxford by a goal, two dropped goals, and two tries to two goals and two tries. Stock, Seaton and Thompson scored tries for Coventry, and Baylis and Thompson dropped goals. Oxford's tries were obtained by Luyt, Cooper, Hollis and Colson. Two of them were converted by Burrow. Coventry had the advantage forward, but among the Oxford backs Luyt and Hollis played brilliantly in a side which included only seven regular members.

Commercial Ten Pins Championships

Communications Take Odd Game from Junior C. of C.

The Communications, with the help of a handicap of 468, took the lead from the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the first three of a 7-game play-off series at the American Club last night. The winner of four or more games shall take possession of the Commercial Ten Pins Handicap League "Sunday Mercury" Cup. Huebner of the Chamber of Commerce starred by getting an aggregate of 581. Quin, his team-mate, rolled 562 while McClellan countered the second highest triple of 566. The day's best single of 216 was made by Perry.

High singles by Perry and McClellan, who gained 216 and 201 respectively, gave the Communications the lead by winning the opening game with a convincing margin. Deducting the handicaps, the Communications outscored their opponents by 923-857.

The second string saw Lamb, the lead-off man, turning in an extremely low score of 115 and put the Communications down to lose the game. On the other hand, Huebner rolled 212 for the Chamber of Commerce safely to bring the standing even.

In the third session both teams were determined to break the tie. Excitement was high with the Communications getting slightly better breaks and winning the game by a close margin.

The remaining four games will be bowled off tomorrow night at the same place.

Last night's results were:—

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Huebner	173	212	196	581
Cullinan	156	147	149	452
Quinn	194	200	168	562
Clark	162	137	160	459
Gray	172	155	192	519
Handicap	96	96	96	288
	953	947	961	2,861

COMMUNICATIONS

Lamb	164	115	201	480
McClellan	201	173	192	566
Dwyer	196	168	104	468
Perry	216	152	162	530
James	146	169	176	491
Handicap	156	156	156	468
	1,079	933	991	3,003

Eileen Bennett to Turn Professional

Wimbledon Expert Who Played for Britain

London, Apr. 15.

Mrs. Marcus Marsh, wife of the racehorse trainer, who as Eileen Bennett was a Wimbledon personality and internationed lawn tennis star, is to become a professional player. Mrs. Marsh will teach at the Melbury Club, Kensington, and she also intends to give lessons on the game at several leading public schools.

Mrs. Marsh told Reuter: "I do not expect to start in my new 'job' until the spring. I am sure that I can help many of the young players."

Four years ago she declined a £2,000 offer to turn professional and join the Tilden "circus."

In 1937 Mrs. Marsh successfully partnered Miss Betty Nuthall in winning the American doubles championship. She won the covered courts singles title in 1937 and several times represented Great Britain against America in Wightman cup matches—Reuter.

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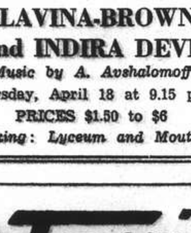
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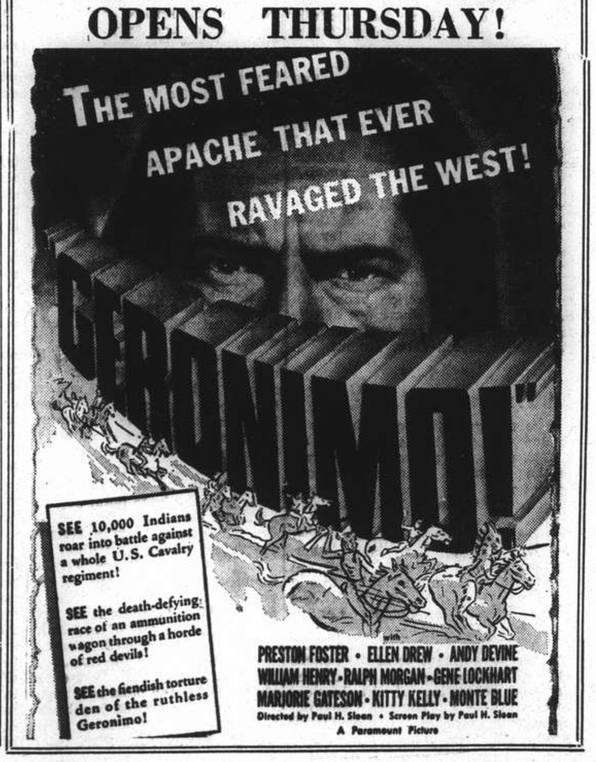
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Successful Appeal By S.M.P. Officer

Conviction of Assault Against Sergt. R. Phinn Set Aside

Found guilty of assault and bound over for three months by Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting H.M. Registrar, in January of last year, Sergt. R. Phinn, a British member of the Shanghai Municipal Police, yesterday, in H.M. Full Court, successfully appealed against the decision of the Lower Court. His appeal was heard by Judge Sir Allan Mossop and Judge P. Grant Jones, Mr. P. Watkin Williams presenting his case while Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for respondent, who was not in court.

The assault charge against Sergt. Phinn was brought by Tsang Chiu-keng, Chinese laodah of the Mackinnon, Mackenzie launch, Moyna, who alleged that he had been beaten by a baton wielded by Sergt. Phinn when the latter had boarded his launch at the Customs Jetty on January 8, 1939. The laodah also alleged that he had been taken to the licence office, opposite Foochow Road, where he had been hit by Sergt. Phinn.

Outlining his case, Mr. Watkin Williams stated that on January 8, 1939, Sergt. Phinn's orders were that between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m. small launches would have to be moved away from No. 10 pontoon. At 5.30 p.m. he saw the Moyna at No. 10 pontoon and, accompanied by C.P.C. 2118, he shouted to the laodah to take his vessel away.

Request Unheeded

Returning about ten minutes later he found that his request had not been heeded and a further request, which was not obeyed, was made. Sergt. Phinn then went on board the launch and followed the laodah into the wheelhouse. Upon putting his left foot inside the doorway he received a blow on the left side of the face, followed by a blow on the chest when his right foot crossed the doorway.

Continuing, Mr. Watkin Williams stated that Sgt. Phinn and C.P.C. 2118 then removed the laodah from the boat to the Revenue Office, which was close by. On the following day the laodah was charged with assault at the First Special District Court and was found guilty. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment or a fine of $1 a day. From January 9 to 14 the laodah was in jail but he was released when his fine was paid.

At the First Special District Court, counsel stated, neither the laodah or his counsel had made any reference to an assault upon his person by Sergt. Phinn. While the laodah was in prison he had been examined by the prison doctor and no sign of any injury or swelling had been found on his body, despite the fact that he had alleged he had been struck on the head and body about ten times.

Grounds of Appeal

Dealing with the alleged assault in the revenue office, Mr. Watkin Williams stated that he had called witnesses to disprove this and three of these witnesses had been cross-examined. The laodah had admitted that he had been convicted in 1936 of having assaulted a police constable.

Mr. Watkin Williams then stated that he was basing the appeal on points of fact and of law. Under Section 7, Sub-Section 1, of the Criminal Justices Act, 1925, as amended by the 1926 Act, he submitted that the case could be reheard. He was also appealing on points of law and fact under the same section. An extra grounds of appeal was that if he had no right to appeal on facts, under Section, 7, 1, of the Criminal Justices Act, the Probation of Offenders Act, under which Sergt. Phinn was bound over, was inapplicable to China.

After a legal discussion the third ground of appeal was placed first. Among various cases quoted to illustrate his argument, Mr. Watkin Williams referred the Court to S.M.P. *v.* Ellis, reported in the "North China Herald" in April, 1935. In this case, he said, the point had not been argued. In Rev *v* Campos, reported in the "North China Herald" in December, 1930, the latter had been bound over under the 1907 Act.

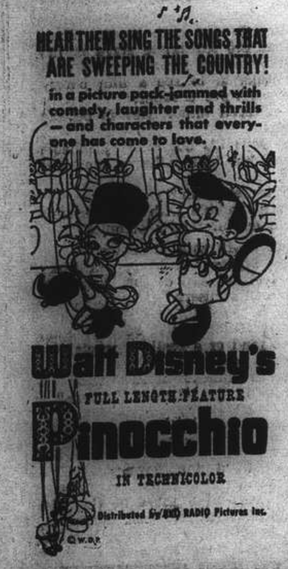
Their Lordships, after hearing the arguments, stated that the decision of the lower court would be set aside and a judgment would be delivered in writing within the next few days.

Paris Offensive Against German Propaganda

Paris, Apr. 15.

M. Oscar Ludovic-Frossard, in his first address as Minister of Information, promised to take the offensive against German propaganda, his objective being to "lay bare the lies." Opening the Lyons fair, the journalist deputy who became Minister in Premier Paul Reynaud's War Cabinet challenged Dr. Joseph Goebbels' "hymn to German power" at the Leipzig fair and declared that France would use only the "voice of truth."

"Already many are no longer misguided by Hitlerian propaganda; we shall pass to the attack to put an end to his last deceit," M. Frossard stated. —Reuter.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Sir Nevile Henderson To Broadcast

Sir Nevile Henderson, the former British Ambassador to Germany, will talk on his experiences in Germany at 12.30 G.M.T. on Wednesday, April 17 (Shanghai time, 8.30 p.m. Wednesday at Foyle's luncheon. This will be broadcast by the B.B.C. over the Overseas service.

Recordings of his talk will be broadcast three times—on April 17 at 19.30 G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 3.30 a.m. April 18) on Transmission No. 4, on April 18 at 01.45 G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 9.45 a.m.) on Transmission No. 5 and finally at 07.15 G.M.T. on April 18 (Shanghai time, 3.15 p.m.) on transmission No. 1. This talk, given at one of London's leading literary functions, will be in connection with Sir Nevile's book "Failure of a Mission," which is being published in London on April 15.

Kompo Man Faces Court

Charged with Instigation Of Murder of Lawyer

Koo Tsoh-shee alias Koo Lao-pan, 55 year-old owner of the Tien Tsai Theatre on Foochow Road, was arrested by detectives from Central police station late on Sunday evening and faced the First Special District Court yesterday charged with instigating the murder of Woo Gee-lung, a lawyer who was shot and killed at his Yates Road home on March 4. He was remanded in custody until Wednesday.

Koo was implicated by seven of 39 men already in the custody of the S.M.P. on charges of armed robberies, the murder of Mr. Woo, attempted murders, receiving and snatching. The accused, who is generally referred to as the leading member of the local Kompo community, was found guilty of having instigated the murder of Tang Chei-pang, alias Tang Ah-yiu, manager of the Great World Amusement centre at the intersection of Avenue Edward VII and Boulevard Montigny, about five years ago. Sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment at the time, Koo was released after winning an appeal at the higher court.

At the beginning of this month, it will be recalled, 30 thugs, many of whom have previous convictions against them, were arrested by officers from Central Station, being suspected of having committed numerous armed crimes in the Settlement in the past few months.

Four of the men are said to have admitted participation in the murder of the lawyer, while three others are believed to have admitted that they had their share in instigating the shooting.

The murder of the manager of the amusement resort coming as it did at a time when assassinations were comparatively rare in this city, resulted in the arrest of the murderer who implicated Koo, the latter being arrested by the French Concession police and charged with having instigated the crime.

The murdered lawyer at the time defended Koo and eventually succeeded in getting the sentence remitted. Subsequently, Woo acted for Koo for quite some time until some dissension is said to have arisen between the two. Woo is claimed to have spread rumours that Koo did not pay him certain fees to which, he said, he was entitled.

Koo, infuriated by this loss of face, is said to have given two of the men now in the custody of the police $100 to prepare the assassination of the murdered lawyer. The murderers were also promised $2,000 if they should succeed, although they were only paid $800.

EVEN those who do not know him intimately realize that the Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon has passed through a time of great domestic anxiety recently. Lady Simon has got through her serious operation successfully, but she is still very ill, and for a time the anxiety must continue.

Japan Seeks Final China Settlement

Gen. Abe to Negotiate Treaty With New Wang Regime; Problems Reviewed

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Negotiations for a fundamental Sino-Japanese treaty will be launched by Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, Japanese Ambassador to the reorganized National Government of China, immediately upon his arrival at Nanking about April 23, authoritative sources here said today. The agreement would aim at readjusting the relations and disposing of the various pending problems between the two countries, they stated.

Japan's former Premier with his staff will leave Tokyo today, reaching Shanghai on April 21, from where he will proceed to Nanking for the official celebrations marking the "return" of the "reorganized National Government" to its former capital on April 26.

Gen. Abe would remain in Nanking to continue diplomatic negotiations in order to conclude various necessary agreements with the new government after the celebrations, it was disclosed.

Tantamount to Recognition

The opening of negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement with the Nanking Government, observers pointed out, would be tantamount to the extension of formal recognition to the administration headed by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, paving the way for the establishment of new relations between China and Japan based upon the three principles advocated by Prince Ayamaro Konoye, with peace measures gradually materializing from a solid foundation.

Moving to meet these preparations by the Tokyo Government, the Central Political Council in Nanking at its third meeting on April 11, ordered Dr. Chu Min-yi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Chen Kung-po, president of the Legislative Yuan, and five other officials to conduct an investigation on methods of framing a peace with Japan, it was recalled.—Domei.

Censors Relax Rules On Code Uses

New Regulations for Far East Announced

Singapore, Apr. 15.

Starting today, the following additional codes have been authorized for telegrams to and from Singapore, the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States: Acme Commodity and Phrase Code, Lombard Shipping Code, Lombard General Code, New Standard 3-letter Code, New Standard Halfword Code.

At the same time the use of the Acme code has been permitted for telegrams to and from Hongkong.

The following is a complete schedule of the codes now permitted by the British censors in the Far East, together with the abbreviations that must be used to indicate which code is being used:

Telegrams to and from Singapore, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States.

Telegrams to and from Hongkong:—

Codes	Abbreviation
Bentley's 2nd Phrase Code,	BENSEC
Bentley's Complete Phrase Code,	BENCOM
ABC Code, 6th Edition,	ABC
Peterson's International Code, 3rd Edition,	PET
ACME Commodity & Phrase Code,	ACME
Lombard Shipping Code,	LOMSHIP
Lombard General Code,	LOMGEN
New Standard 3-letter Code,	STANTER
New Standard Halfword Code.	STANHAF

Telegrams to and from Hongkong:

Codes	Abbreviation
Bentley's 2nd Phrase Code,	BENSEC
Bentley's Complete Phrase Code,	BENCDM
ABC Code, 6th Edition,	ABC
Peterson's International Code, 3rd Edition	PET
ACME Commodity and Phrase Code, (not the supplement)	ACME

—Reuter.

WHEN leaning out of her window in Woolwich Road, London, Mrs. Little saw an explosion at the works of a big firm of engineers, in which her husband together with four other men were blown into the air. Three of the men were killed and the fourth injured. Little leaves a widow and a child of two years of age.

Ratepayers' Meeting Tomorrow

100 Per Cent. Vote Object Of American Effort

The American Association Committee has met and discussed questions pertaining to the forthcoming annual ratepayers' meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in the Race Course Grandstands. After voting to support the proposed budget, the Elections Committee was asked to continue their work by making a serious effort to get a one hundred per cent., representation of the American ratepayers present on that occasion.

Attention was brought to the fact that proxies can be executed only by persons who will be absent from the Consular District of Shanghai or by those who have been certified as being unable to attend on account of illness.

Appearing in person is therefore the only way that a ratepayer can record his vote and it is essential that all do so in order to assure the newly elected Council that they will have the authority and the means for operating the Settlement Government.

Speak from the Platform

All speakers at the annual meeting of ratepayers, to be held to-morrow, are earnestly requested to co-operate by addressing the meeting only from the platform and not from their seats. This is in the interests of the large body of listeners and is essential to the accurate recording of speeches for purposes of the official report of the proceedings.

Services for Danes Killed Resisting

Amsterdam, Apr. 14.

All churches in Denmark today held services to the memory of the Danish soldiers who were killed in the fighting on April 9 during the invasion by German troops, it was learned from Copenhagen. The Danish dead have been solemnly buried at Copenhagen and Odensee, and wreaths were sent by the King, Queen, and War Minister.—Havas.

Seamen on Great Lakes Declare Strike

Toronto, Apr. 15.

A strike by the Seamen's Union against steamship companies on the Great Lakes began early today. The Union is demanding higher wages, the closed shop principle, and extra pay for over-time work. Lines of pickets are reported to have been established in harbours throughout the Great Lakes.—Reuter.

More U.S. Holdings Transferred

British Treasury Takes Control of Larger List Of Leading Securities

London, Apr. 15.

A further group of 117 dollar securities in 108 different United States' companies and other borrowers has been transferred by vesting to the British Treasury's control.

This is in accordance with expectations when the first such vesting order was issued on February 18, affecting sixty securities.

Authoritative circles state that it should not be assumed that all the securities previously vested have already been sold. The Treasury has no intention of forcing the securities thus acquired on to the market: the guiding principle is avoidance of any disturbance in the United States markets.

If various United States banks and trusts are unable immediately to absorb all the securities offered, the British authorities will wait until they are, or until Wall Street's strength develops sufficiently to do so.

Financial quarters state that if ever Wall Street develops activity it could absorb all British holdings of dollar securities without the slightest difficulty. The present list of vested securities, unlike the previous one, contains a number of bond issues.

Another distinguishing feature is the inclusion of such well known market leaders as United States Steel common, Chrysler common, New York Central Railway common.

It is expected that further vesting orders will be issued from time to time.—Reuter.

WITH a view to conducting regular broadcasts to foreign countries, the Chinese Government authorities have decided on the organization of a Chinese orchestra. The services of two well-known musicians, Messrs. Ma Sze-chung and Wu Pa-chao, both of whom have received foreign training, have been obtained, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

Denmark's Sad Position Explained to Egypt

"All Out Efforts Directed To Regain Freedom"

Cairo, Apr. 15.

Denmark's position today was outlined in a memorandum handed to the Foreign Ministry by the Danish Minister to Egypt, M. Niels Peter Anstedt.

The memorandum pointed out that Denmark had to yield to a display of force.

"Our country is passing through dark days but, as in the past, we shall not lose courage," it added. "All the efforts of the Danish people are directed towards the re-establishment of Denmark's freedom and independence. We are assured of collaboration from many sources and we are certain that we shall succeed."—Havas.

MISSING for three days the body of Shamshia H. Mundie (20) of Manchester, England, a student at Liverpool College of Architecture, has been found at the foot of Scawfell Bottom. He is believed to have died from exhaustion and exposure and his body was found by two holiday-makers from Leeds who were staying at Askdale.

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A CRITICAL WEEK

In the opinion of some well-informed quarters the war, especially in connection with Germany's adventure into Scandinavia, is likely to reach an important and maybe decisive stage during the course of this week. Probably so far as Norway is concerned that stage has already been reached with a costly naval defeat of Germany at the hands of the Allies, the laying of an immense minefield designed to cut Germany off from her troops in Norway, and the daring British incursion into the Baltic for the purpose of laying mines to obstruct the transport of Swedish iron-ore in those waters. The rape of Denmark made it possible for British submarines to enter the Baltic without breach of international law, and the laying of minefields has resulted. It is reported that the total number of troops Germany was able to land in Norway amounted to about three divisions or 35,000 men. They were landed at different points, but the indications are that the main force was sent to Oslo, that the detachments landing at other ports were not excessively large, and that they should present no great obstacle when the Allies, and the Norwegians set about the task of cleaning them up. That the great force was landed at Oslo seems clear from the fact that it was able to make such headway north to Hamar, Elverum and Kongsvinger, an average distance of fifty-five miles as the crow flies. At these three points the Norwegians have now assembled in force and the latest reports indicate that they are at least holding their own if not repulsing the invaders. Meanwhile the problem of how to maintain the German forces in the field, and to send them reinforcements is the one which Herr Hitler has to solve, and, if he finds difficulty in doing so, it will be because of the determined action which the Allies have taken against the German forces, and the wide scope of their activities which should serve entirely to cut Norway off from Germany. Consequently there is much reason to believe that important decisions will have to be taken by Berlin in the course of this week.

Those decisions will narrowly concern Sweden. With an important force of probably 25,000 men in the Oslo area sooner or later in demand supplies, and reinforcements, it is clear that the much-vaunted transportation by air cannot hope to be adequate. Yet, unless these forces are properly maintained, Herr Hitler runs the risk of suffering a military defeat, not, perhaps, of the first magnitude, but sufficient to add to the general weight of the reverses Germany has already suffered. It is unlikely that Herr Hitler will submit to any such thing, and the probabilities are that he will make further demands upon Sweden for permission to send munitions, heavy war material and other supplies through Swedish territory. If, as it is expected, the Swedish Government adheres to its determination to insist upon its neutrality, and, if necessary, to fight in defence of it, then the Scandinavian campaign will assume even greater importance than it has at present, and bring to Herr Hitler the disadvantage which he has always sought to avoid of having to fight on two fronts. Should he persist in the grave error he has already committed he will have completely played into the hands of the Allies, and have demonstrated that the experience gained as a corporal in the last war has stood him in little stead as chief strategist in the present struggle. There is also considerable uneasiness in Holland over the prospects of a possible German invasion, but, nevertheless, the intention to resist to the utmost, and, judging from American reports, the possibility that Signor Mussolini may in the near future abandon neutrality and come into the struggle on the German side cannot be ignored. It is stated that Italian naval dispositions in the Mediterranean, and the reported intention of Il Duce to call up one-and-a-quarter million reservists are to be taken as indication of coming Italian participation in this war. This view is supported by the declarations of Signor Ansaldo, director of the "Telegrafo," owned by Count Ciano, clearly indicating the early possibility of Italy entering the struggle, an occasion "which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think."

However much such a step would be regretted by the Allies as definitely putting an end to all endeavours to reach a better understanding with Italy, it is a contingency which the Allies have always reckoned on. They did so when they declared war against Germany on the invasion of Poland, for it was not until some days later that it was learned that Herr Hitler had released Italy from the obligation to go to war immediately in alliance with Germany. It is an eventuality against which the Allies have already made such dispositions of their forces as they consider best designed to meet the menace which such a development would mean. Thus while Italian participation in the war would entail the further spread of hostilities, and the enlargement of the theatre of war, it would have about it no element of surprise whatever, and would only represent an emergency which the Allies have all along expected, and which they have been at all times prepared to meet. With a decisive victory in the north, which does not seem at all improbable, it should not be difficult for the Allies to maintain control in the Mediterranean, for the general effect of all that has been happening in the North Sea, the very patent crippling of the German navy, and the close confinement of the remainder to German home waters, has been that a redisposition of the Allied naval forces should not prove impossible. Thus it should be quite possible for the Allies to maintain their hold in the Mediterranean should unhappily Signor Mussolini decide to act in accordance with his commitments to Herr Hitler, while the presence of imposing Allied military forces in the Near East, together with the Allied understanding with Turkey are factors which tend to remove any uneasiness which might otherwise be felt concerning the possibilities of the situation. There is every reason for facing the future with complete confidence. Not that the possible enemies should be regarded lightly, for the Italians can be formidable both on land and sea. It is rather in the knowledge of Allies' strength, and determination that the cause for hope is to be found, together with their vast resources in men, money and material all of which have not yet been mobilized to their fullest extent.

Tomorrow's Meeting

The importance of the issues involved in tomorrow's annual meeting of the ratepayers of the International Settlement, justifies this journal in directing the attention of all readers who pay rates to the essential necessity of having as representative an attendance of ratepayers as possible at that function. The struggle for the maintenance of the *status quo* was only half completed with the results of the municipal elections and it is an imperative necessity that everyone who has a vote shall attend to-morrow's meeting to make sure that the Municipal Council shall be provided with adequate funds for the purpose of carrying on the business of the International Settlement for the present year. It is a regrettable fact that the question of an increase in the rates had to be raised this year, but in this matter the Council have been, in the first case, the victims of the ratepayers' reluctance in past years to face the necessity of an increase, and, in the second, of the collapse in exchange which has brought about the present unfortunate situation. Obviously, it would be the height of absurdity to elect a new Council, and then deny it the funds with which to carry on, but that is what will occur if those who object to the increase of rates succeed in carrying their point. The charges of extravagance which have been levelled against the Municipal Council have been shown to be completely unjustified. If the contrary were the case, it would, even then, not be the wise thing to reject the proposed budget at the present juncture, especially when it has been cut to a minimum of expenditure. With regard to the pensions it must be remembered that these were commitments entered into in all good faith when exchange was decidedly more favourable than it is now, and to seek unilaterally to alter them would be to demonstrate a degree of bad faith which can only be found in the political behaviour of certain nations now under such bitter criticism. The fate of the International Settlement demands that there shall be a fully representative meeting tomorrow and that the proposed Budget shall be passed.

Sweden's Chances

Though the situation in Norway has been by no means clarified by the latest despatches, it is possible to make some guesses as to the German plans for the future. And these plans look by no means well for Sweden. In venturing as far north as Narvik, the Germans were obviously running big risks, but Narvik has additional importance to being the port from which the iron ore of Sweden can be shipped to the Reich. It is the northern terminus of the railway which runs through Sweden and Norway from Lulea. It could, therefore, in the event of a major campaign in Scandinavia, be a most important point in a line of communications. Significance is also attached to the German occupation of Trondheim and Bergen, in addition to the possibilities of these ports being used as bases for submarine and aircraft attacks on the British Isles and on British navigation. Bergen is the terminus of a railway line which runs to Oslo, and thence links up with a maze of lines which form the backbone of the communications in southern Sweden. Trondheim is also the terminus of a line. This line runs to the west to join another line which eventually reaches Oslo, thereby becoming one of the most important sections of Norway's communications system. But it also—and more is the pity for Sweden—is the terminus for a direct line which runs from Norway into Sweden at Storlien and thence to the Swedish coast on the Gulf of Bothnia. It should be noted that the German attacks from the Oslo region have been principally directed towards the south, towards the Swedish border. It is true that the entrance to the Oslo fiord is thereby safeguarded, but a more ominous interpretation—that it presages an invasion of Sweden in order to open up routes of reinforcement for the German forces in Norway—is more likely. Railway lines run from the southernmost points of Sweden, which are accessible to the Germans in spite of the mining of the Skagerrak and the Kattegat, right up to the Norwegian border. What, then, are the chances of Sweden, when the Reich has seized and is trying to hold the Norwegian termini of railways which run through the country? The fear is justified that Hitler, on one or another of his notorious excuses, may shortly seize the Swedish termini of these lines, and bring death and destruction on that people, as well as the Norwegians.

Scrubbing the Gas

Members of the Engineering Society of China were told yesterday evening of the methods used in the preparation of gas for the city of Shanghai, and they must have been gratified to learn that the most up-to-date processes are in vogue. Before the consumer uses his gas in this port, it is "scrubbed." Doubtless, to engineers this "scrubbing" is a part of the work with which one and all are familiar. The cleanliness of engineers is proverbial the world over. But to the layman who reads the very interesting address given by Mr. A. M. Stickels, the question may be pardoned: how does one scrub gas? It sounds rather like scrubbing the invisible man of Mr. H. G. Wells' creation. It is perhaps fortunate for the general public, in a country where the laws of strict sanitation are so essential to public health, that the gas consumed in the average household is so thoroughly scrubbed before it reaches the burner. Otherwise "missy" might find herself faced with another real problem of housewifery. "Milk have boil this morning, boy?" "Have boil." "Vegetables have wash?" "Have wash, missy." "Gas have scrub?" "Ah, missy, no can. Gas no can find." And there the housewife is. The family must take its chance that day with unscrubbed gas, and what the results might be are almost too terrible to imagine. In future, the Shanghailander must pause with respect when his geyser or gas-fire goes off with a pop. For occasionally gas is scrubbed in mineral oil, and who does not know the resentment of the average healthy dog when it has been scrubbed with too stringent solutions to cure him from scratching. The pop or explosion may simply be the result of the indignation felt by Mr. Therm or one of his descendants over too much elbow grease from one of the efficient scrubbers in the gas-works.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

April 14.—For the benefit of a few people we saw picking strawberry flowers in a deserted garden in the Hungjao area during the week-end, we offer the following quotation from one of Wordsworth's poems:—

> Pull the daisies, sister Ann,
> Pull as many as you can:
> Fill your lap, and fill your bosom,
> Only spare the strawberry blossom.

We observe that the mulberry trees are beginning to grow; is this not a sign that all danger from frost is over? We were once told that the mulberry tree would not commence to send forth its leaves until it was sure that Jack Frost would not pay another visit. The paper mulberry is also sending forth its leaves. This tree is not a great favourite in local gardens; it is considered a "weed" by many people. It was highly esteemed at one time however; we are told that it was probably used in the manufacture of paper money in China in A. D. 960. The tree is known to botanists as *Broussonetia papyrifera* and it is closely related to *Morus nigra*—the true mulberry. The Japanese maples —*Acer palmatum*—are making a fine show in local gardens at present, there are many varieties to be seen adding a touch of colour to the landscape. We admired one of China's native trees yesterday, it was *Prunus Persica* var: *versicolour*, a most attractive variety of the double flowering Peach: it was literally covered with white, red, and striped flowers. The "weeping" forms of this peach also look very charming, the flowers appear to be hanging in mid-air. We noticed that the double-flowering cherry is beginning to bloom. There are many garden varieties of *Prunus serrulata* and many have Japanese names. We like the delicate greenish —white variety; it appears so different. "Tommy" found some "poor man's orchids" during the week-end, we identified the flowers as *Iris chinensis* and we wondered whether there are any more beautiful flowers than those of the iris. Another wild flower attracted our attention, this was not so beautiful as the iris; but the purplish-white flowers have a charm of their own; the plant was *Mazus stolonifer*.—W.J.K.

KENSINGTON DISCOVERY

Henry VIII's Culvert and Coins

Thanks to the power of the divining-rod and to the specialized knowledge of a private soldier —now an Acting Company Sergeant-Major of the Royal Army Service Corps, a strange archaeological discovery has been made at Kensington Barracks. A/C. S.-M. L. J. Latham is a practised archaeologist and a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society. He has found, after excavation, a mass of ancient masonry, believed on strong evidence to be Roman, which once caused the diversion of a Tudor culvert running beneath the barracks.

A long-vanished conduit house of Tudor brickwork used to stand beyond the north-east corner of the present barracks site. This protected a spring which, by means of an efficient culvert system, supplied Henry VIII's Palace at Chelsea with water from an unpolluted source. Incidentally, there was a story that another culvert ran from the conduit to Kensington Palace, the Wren building on the site of the former Nottingham House, and Mr. Latham discovered during his researches that the theory was correct.

Tracing the Course Under Barracks

A few years ago C.-S.M.—then Private—Latham came to the opinion that the Chelsea culvert must pass beneath the barracks. At the suggestion of Maj. H. C. Davis he used a divining rod to trace the culvert's course across the site from the conduit to the junction of High-street and Church-street. The use of red brick "samples" led to the detection of similar material in the earth, and the culvert was duly traced. It was seen that it made an unexpected detour and appeared to hug the line of an unknown obstacle before resuming its course.

The divining-rod was brought again. After laborious research, results seemed to show that the mass below ground was a spacious rectangular building with walls 4 ft. thick. In one place, below an unfloored basement store, it became possible to excavate—and there, at a depth of 23 ft., Mr. Latham finally discovered the wall indicated by his implements.

His knowledge of numismatics enabled him to indentify various coins found during the digging—rare debased testoons (or shillings) of Henry VIII., one of Henry's half-groats bearing Wolsey's initials, and a silver penny of James the First.

Until the barracks are demolished, it will be impossible to excavate fully; but it has now been made known that, during recent work on the new library site at Kensington, a small and ancient stream-bed was found slightly below the level of the masonry within the barracks. This seems to establish positively the former levels of this portion of the parish.

Mr. Latham's find is a tribute both to intellgent deduction and to the power of divination which in his opinion deserves the honour given to it in France as an approved science—radiesthesis.

"I am working for the general recognition of divination," he said. "English people are still inclined to be sceptical; but this shows what can be done. After frequent experiments I have found that, with instruction, one person in three can use the divining-rod; it is by no means an exclusive cult."

IN PARENTHESIS

Muddler Again

DAVID, aged six, had come to say good-bye to his uncle, who had been called up.

After making a very thorough inspection of his uncle's uniform and kit, he then said solemnly: "I can't understand how they've called you up before me. I was given my gasmask first."

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Matter of Opinion

"THINK about Hitler at least once a day."—Leading article in the "Daily Express."

I said to the man with the barrage balloon:
"Please refrain for a time from your play.
Can you answer me 'Yes'
To this plea from the Press—
'Have you thought about Hitler today?' " .

I said to the airman, patrolling our coasts,
As with raiders he joined in the fray:
"Now, all joking apart,
With your hand on your heart,
Have you thought about Hitler today?"

I questioned the neutral (whose ship had been sunk)
In a comradely sort of a way:
"Pardon me"—and I laughed—
"As you freeze on this raft,
Have you thought about Hitler today?"

"I tried it on soldiers in trench in France,
On Churchill, engaged in his task,
And record with a sigh
They would only reply:
"What a dam' silly question to ask!"

—BEE.

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Party Conversation

"My husband says the Nazis are all fetishists."

"All what, darling ?"

"What I mean is, they worship jackboots and things."

"Whatever are you talking about, darling ?"

"He says they're all repressed or something, and wearing jackboots is some sort of consolation."

"No wonder Cynthia's husband's so mad about hunting."

"Of course, when they do come over there'll be what the papers call a record rush to sea and country."

"Fancy Goering talking about a shortage of metal with all those medals on his chest."

"My husband says it's absurd to say that dictatorships can make up their minds quicker than democracies when Hitler hasn't been able to make up his mind for six months."

"Of course, the price of vegetables is simply appalling."

"Lucky for Bernard Shaw he's got plenty of money."

"What's happened to all this macon they were talking about ?"

"My husband says the Germans hate fighting a losing battle."

"Who wouldn't ?"

"He says they're no good at all unless they're at least two to one and have all the advantages."

"My husband says that Stalin has murdered more working-class people than all the wicked capitalists put together."

"That's nonsense, dear. The capitalists have been murdering them since the Pharaohs."

"Of course, I've no patience with people who say the films are not art—specially when they're never seen one."

"People like Pamela are even worse. She's always saying that the legitimate stage is the only form of entertainment for a cultured person, and then sneaks in to see a film before lunch, when the seats are cheaper."

"And what a cultured mind. Her favourites are Westerns and Popeye."

"My husbands says it's not only jackboots with the Germans, but high military caps and swastikas."

"Are we back to fetishism ?"

"He says the real trouble with the Germans is that they have an inferiority complex."

"What's that got to do with jackboots ?"

"Well, they feel bigger and braver in jackboots, while we feel on top of the world in shoes and old flannel trousers."

"We don't look it."

"He says that if Hitler would only give up jackboots and get fond of a really nice girl we should all get some peace."

"We might get it quicker if she wasn't a nice girl."—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

British Land at Several Points on Norway Coast

Over Thirty German Warships, Transports Sunk; Admiral Scheer Torpedoed and Confirmed Lost; R.A.F. Harass Enemy

London, Apr. 15.

A JOINT Admiralty and War Office communique announced that "British forces have now landed at several points in Norway. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, will make a full statement in the House of Commons tomorrow on British landings in Norway.—Reuter.

Over Thirty German Ships Sunk

London, Apr. 15.

THE Germans lost over thirty ships, including warships and transports, as a result of British action in Norwegian waters last week. A communique released by the Admiralty reveals for the first time that the German 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, a sistership of the Graf Spee which was scuttled some months ago in South American waters, was attacked and damaged by a British submarine.

After stating that "some indication of the highly successful work, under extremely dangerous conditions, of British submarines during the past week can now be given," the communique gives a detailed list of German losses. The Admiral Scheer, the communique states, was successfully attacked by the 670-ton submarine Spearfish in the early hours of Thursday morning last. It is probable that the Admiral Scheer was hit by more than one torpedo.

Another Admiralty communique issued today said: "Further reports from our submarines indicate that another two German transports have been sunk, and that besides this a convoy of enemy transports was attacked in the Skagerrak, when four torpedoes found their mark."

The communique also mentions that another attack on transports and aircraft in Bergen was carried out by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm yesterday. One transport was set on fire, a small store ship was sunk, and one large surveying boat was machine-gunned and burst into flames. "One of our aircraft failed to return," the statement said.

Long List of Successes

H.M.S. Truant torpedoed and sank a German cruiser, believed to be the 6,000-ton Karisrune, on Tuesday last, the earlier communique said. The sinking of this cruiser has already been announced and admitted by the Germans.

Other successes are said to include the sinking of the following German transport and supply ships:

Posidonia, 3,911-ton tanker
August Leonhardt (2,593 tons)
Kreta (2,359 tons)
Rio de Janeiro (5,261 tons)
Iona (3,102 tons)
Antara (2,593 tons)
Memorsund (321 tons)

and an unknown German ship of about 4,000 tons.

Also, on April 10, the communique continues, two more unknown German ships were sunk, and four other ships in convoy were hit by torpedoes, the result being unknown.

Freighter, Trawlers Captured

In addition, the Alster (8,145 tons) has been captured, and three trawlers—Friesland, Nordland and Blankenburg—have been brought into a British port.

All these ships are in addition to the six supply ships and the Ravensfeld, carrying reserve ammunition to the landed German force at Narvik, which were sunk off Narvik by the 2nd Destroyer Flotilla on Wednesday last, as was announced in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The following known scuttling have taken place, the 6,044-ton tanker Skagerrak (on being sighted by a British cruiser), and the German ship Maine (on being sighted by the Norwegian destroyer Draug, which picked up some sixty of the crew and conveyed them to a British port). The Draug now forms part of the Allied naval forces.

It has been reported that the German tanker Kattegat has been sunk by the Norwegians in the Skager Rak.

It will be noticed, the communique adds, that no mention is made of the loss of any U-boats. It would be incorrect, it asserts, to assume that positive results have not been attained.

R.A.F. Bomb Stavanger

British aircraft made another low-flying attack on the Stavanger aerodrome and hangar at dawn, and a number of enemy aircraft were damaged, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Air. A further attack was made on the

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Nazis Tell Narvik News Carefully

Blockade Admitted But British Victories Not Told; Counter-Claims

London, Apr. 15.

No mention has been made in Berlin so far of the British landings in Norway. Today's commentary issued by the German news agency, like the official communique, is silent on the battle at Narvik on Saturday when seven German destroyers were sunk. To commentary claims that munition works in Hoenfoss and Kongsberg, in the Oslo district, are now in German hands.

"The second phase of German operations in Norway is bound to be a phase of defence," stated the announcer on the official German wireless last night in broadcasting for the first time the German High Command communique on the week-end operations at Narvik, in which, according to a British claim seven German destroyers were sunk. The utmost was done to break the Narvik news gently to the German public. The announcer introduced it by saying: "The British attack was on a large scale, and was repelled by our naval forces at Narvik, which succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

The German communique referred to the Narvik operations as a "serious engagement," and claimed that the British destroyer Cossack, of Altmark fame, was set ablaze and ran aground, and the destroyer Eskimo and others seriously damaged or destroyed. It did not specify German losses.

The communique also claimed that, in operations elsewhere, a U-boat torpedoed a cruiser of the Glasgow class north of the Shetlands, and submarine chasers destroyed three enemy submarines in the Skager Rack. An authoritative statement here says it is learned on inquiry that the German claim that a British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed is entirely devoid of foundation.—Reuter.

British Blockade Admitted

Berlin, Apr. 15.

A High Command communiqué says the day passed quietly at Narvik. It is mentioned, however, that strong British naval forces are blockading the harbour.

Additional German troops and war material were landed in southern Norway, where the position was consolidated, it is stated. The communique admits the sinking of a German cargo-boat, the Bergen, by two British planes, but claims the British planes were subsequently shot down by German fighters. The communique also reports the destruction of two further enemy submarines in the Skagger Rak during the week-end "bringing the number of submarines destroyed in the past week to seven."

Germans Lay Mine-fields

The Berlin wireless announces the mining of two out of the three entrances to the Baltic.

According to the announcement, mines have been laid in the Great Belt between latitude 55 degrees 17 minutes north and 55 degrees 22 minutes north, and in the Little Belt between longitude 9 degrees 47 minutes east and 9 degrees 51 minutes east. Mines have also been planted south of a line between latitude 55 degrees 33,9 minutes north, longitude 9 degrees 47 minutes east and latitude 55 degrees 36,1 minutes north, longitude 9 degrees 51 minutes east.

The mine-field appears to cover part of the Baltic area just mined by the British. The Sound was mined by the Germans early in the war.—Reuter

German Counter-Claims

Berlin, Apr. 15

Contradicting British claims to a naval victory in Narvik, a German communique issued here last night boasted that Britain had suffered a shattering defeat. The British destroyer Cossack was set afire and driven aground, while another British destroyer, the Eskimo, and several others were "heavily damaged or destroyed," when they were attacked by German warships and bombing planes, the communique said.

The Germans would tighten their grip over Norway's strategic coastal bases and extend their "protective hold" on the Oslo region against Norwegian resistance, the communique declared.

The communique said the British fleet carried out a large-scale attack yesterday on two German battleships, one aircraft carrier, several cruisers, and many destroyers, but maintained

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Narvik Port Partly Taken By British

German Troops Flee Into Hills; Swedish Ore Routes Cut Off

London, Apr. 15.

The landing of British troops at Narvik was announced in an official Admiralty communique this afternoon.

The official announcement that Narvik has been reoccupied by the Allies is expected in London at any moment now. It is already known that part of the port is in British hands

The War Office and Admiralty communique on landings in Norway created a veritable sensation in London. The press published it under banner headlines. Curiosity to know the full details is at its highest pitch, but the public fully realizes that it is necessary at present to exercise the greatest discretion. The rugged nature of Norway's coasts makes it easy to imagine that the landings necessitated a great deal of courage and skill.

The general reaction of the man in the street to the communique is satisfaction at the fulfilment of the Allies' promise to assist Norway and the hope that the news will encourage the Norwegian troops in their resistance. Public opinion is also convinced that the report will be a relief to those small neutral states who are afraid of an eventual German aggression.

Advantage of Narvik

The chief advantage of Narvik and the reason for its choice by the British fleet as the first base for its operations is that Narvik is sufficiently distant from other Norwegian ports to allow transports to land troops without any interference from the enemy. The position of the town will also allow the Allies to prevent any German threat to the Swedish iron ore mines.

The loss of many German naval units since the beginning of the naval battle off Norway makes it difficult for Germany to undertake new operations in these regions. Therefore the Germans could only expect to recapture Narvik by land. Facilities for landing Allied troops and Norwegian soldiers in the north do not allow the Germans to expect any success in this direction.

The Allies can now consider that they have a solid base of operations that their fleets will be able to strengthen every day without prejudice to other actions they will be able to undertake anywhere else on the Norwegian coast.

London and Paris fully realise that it is urgent to act, for the Germans have strong forces in Norway.—Havas.

Germans Flee to Hills

London, Apr. 15.

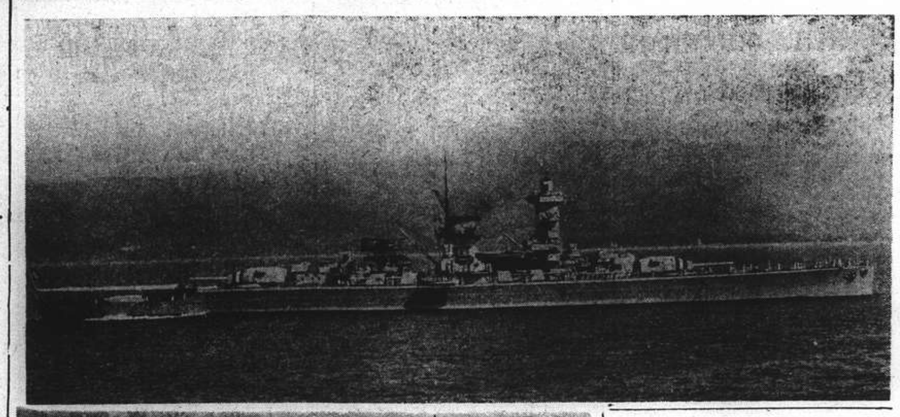
British control over Narvik, the northern Norwegian port, was confirmed today by the Exchange Telegraph news agency correspondent at Gothenburg, Sweden.

He said that the British were in control of Narvik as the Germans had fled to the mountains after eighteen vessels had been sunk in Narvik harbour. Nine German and two British destroyers, two Norwegian warships, one German whaler, one German, one British and two Swedish iron ore boats were known to have been sunk, he reported. Norwegian ski troops at Bodal were out-manœuvreing German mechanized units, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent said.

Speculation was rife as to the points at which the British troops landed, but military experts believed that the most likely points would be the vicinities of Narvik, Trondheim and possibly Bergen.

While no official figures were revealed as to the number of men landed, there was general belief that a force of 100,000 men might eventually be landed in Norway since such a force was in readiness to aid Finand.

Prior to the official announcement, all official quarters declined to comment on reports of the landing which was reported from neutral capitals. A report from Germany had said earlier that a large Allied expeditionary force was on the high seas.—United Press.



British Submarine Damages German Pocket-Battleship

The German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, has been damaged by H.M.S. Spearfish, the Admiralty has just revealed. It is understood that more than one torpedo hit the German warship which is the sistership of the Graf Spee, scuttled after the Rio de la Plata encounter with British cruisers. The top picture shows the 10,000-ton Admiral Scheer and below, the 670-ton British submarine, H.M.S. Spearfish, which did the damage.

Reich Loses Half Merchant Fleet; Allies Gain

Danish, Norwegian Ships More Than Cover U-Boat, Mine Losses; Nazi Navy Crippled

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

SHIPPING circles estimate that Germany, most of whose merchant fleet has been immobilized in home neutral ports since the beginning of the war, has now lost more than half her tonnage. British losses amount to 172 vessels, with a total tonnage of just over 667,000. Before the Norwegian adventure, Germany lost 64 vessels, aggregating 199,651 tons. Today, conservative estimates put losses at 92 vessels, representing 370,000 tons, to which can probably be added eight other German ships torpedoed in convoy, with unknown results.—Reuter.

Hitler's Handsome Present to Allies

New York, Apr. 15.

Commenting on Herr Hitler's "gift" to the Allies of the Norwegian and Danish merchant fleets, the "New York Times" says the gift represents more than the total tonnage of Allied merchant shipping sunk by submarines since the start of the war.

"The British have not received a more handsome present from an enemy in this or any other war. It will be more difficult than ever for Germany to starve the British, or to prevent the Allies from building up a crushing preponderance in war materials."—Reuter.

France Thrilled, Overjoyed

Paris, Apr. 15.

All France is thrilled and overjoyed at the news of the brilliant action of the British Navy at Narvik, which is splashed on the front pages of all Paris newspapers.

"Nelson must be chuckling in his grave," is the comment of the man in the street, while the typical comment in official quarters is: "In a few hours the British Navy has shattered a bagful of Goebbels' slogans."

A semi-official statement emphasizes the strategical importance of Britain's action in the North Sea and the Baltic, and says that the attempt of the Reich to occupy Norwegian ports has proved to be a very great error.

Nothing now prevents the Allies, the statement asserts, from doing as they like whenever they want to in the North Sea. The British Admiralty, it adds, has proved that Herr Hitler's traditional surprise attack is only a bluff from the moment he meets first resistance.—Reuter.

U.S. Press Feature News

London, Apr. 13.

The destruction of German destroyers at Narvik provides the chief war story in all New York papers, according to a special commentary.

The warring nations are not alone in believing, says the "New York Times," that their existence depends on the outcome of the fighting around Norway. "Every neutral, no matter how far from Europe of how determined it is to stay out of this war," continues the journal, "must reassess its position in the light of the result of the German drive. Germany has now shown that it will not hesitate to crush any neutral in her path if she feels that thereby she will gain a strategic advantage."

"The "Herald-Tribune" says: "The war is coming closer to us every day. The fate of Greenland brings the war to our very doors. If Holland is invaded, the fate of Curacao and the Dutch West Indies would bring the war to within a stone's throw of the key of our defence of Panama. Today as in 1917, people dread the thought of war, but today more even than 1917 war threatens American interests. The only thing that can check it is an overwhelming victory for the Allies and defeat for Germany. The United States must obviously face the possibility that it may find itself forced to join the fray as the only way to protect its own interests."—Reuter.

Belgian Expert's Comment

Brussels, Apr. 15.

From a moral viewpoint the invasion of Denmark was a crime while from a military point of view the invasion of Norway was a mistake, Colonel Requette, well-known Belgian military expert, declared in the "Vingtieme Siecle" today, on Germany's action in Scandinavia.

For the first time, he added, the Germans took a decision which does not seem dictated by the cold and calculating strategy which characterized previous military decisions, but by sheer passion.—Havas.

French Foil Nazis On West Front

Algerian Sharpshooters Destroy Raiding Party; German Planes Downed

With French Army, Apr. 15.

When a German patrol, fifty strong, entered a village in no-man's-land yesterday, they provided a reward for twenty Algerian sharpshooters who had lain out in fields waiting for the marauders for five successive nights. A German officer fell victim to the first rifle crack. This apparently discouraged his men, who were routed. Seven took refuge in a loft, but surrendered when the Algerians entered the village at dawn.

According to the latest French war communique, "on several points of the front west of the Vosges enemy infantry units, supported by artillery, tried to force our lines. They were repulsed, and suffered losses."—Reuter.

Two German Planes Downed

Paris, Apr. 14.

Two German planes were destroyed in the Laon region in encounter with Allied aircraft on April 11. the "Echo du Nord," published in Lille, announced today. The first plane fell within a few minutes after the fight started. One of its occupants parachuted, but was dead when he hit the ground, and two other occupants were also killed. The pilot was only wounded, and was made prisoner. The second German plane fell in flames, its four occupants perishing.—Havas.

German Thrusts Foiled

Paris, Apr. 15.

Heavy German thrusts, climaxing in a mile long attack east of the Moselle yesterday, were repulsed by the French forces, officials said here last night. Heavy Nazi artillery and stubborn patrols were routed by French advance posts in the Moselle region before the Maginot Line big guns forced the Germans back with heavy losses, it was said. Military observers here agreed that Germany was making an unprecedented effort to crash the Maginot Line advance posts.—United Press.

German Admissions

Berlin, Apr. 15.

Lively artillery and shock troop activity was reported from some points between the Moselle River and Pfaelzer Forest on the Western Front yesterday, the German High Command announced last night.

"Two of our shock troop units penetrated an enemy position near Zeringen, several kilometres across the frontier south-west of Merzig, at dawn," the communique said. "They annihilated the enemy force, destroyed four dugouts and returned with prisoners."

On the upper Rhine front in the region of Istein, German scout troops crossed the Rhine and penetrated into Allied outpost lines on one island in the Rhine, the High Command said.—United Press.

German Invasion in Scandinavia May Be Prelude to Wider Operations

London Alert to All Eventualities; Nazis Face Two Fronts While Navy Much Crippled

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

Germany's invasion of Scandinavia is thought in informed quarters in London to be susceptible of two interpretations, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Firstly, it is only the first instalment of a larger plan of aggression and may be intended to divert the Allies into a rat hunt through Norwegian fjords, while greater armies are set in motion elsewhere. Secondly, it is an isolated move.

If the former conjecture is correct then Herr Hitler is obliging the Allies by undertaking at last what they always wanted from him, namely, a campaign on two fronts.

The Allies are ready for Hitler even if he should break out on several fronts simultaneously.

If the second supposition is right then Hitler's action seems to be that of a madman. He may have thought Norwegian ports would offer bases for his submarines, but the destruction of a large proportion of his fleet seems an absurd price to pay for bases which anyhow cannot be used as freely by his submarines in Norway's waters as they were while Norway was still neutral.

Hitler has thrown away a chance of saving his skin by wearing out the Allies' patience and has chosen to fight on the naval front, on which he is outnumbered and on which, as British mine-laying in the Baltic shows, he risks being taken in the rear.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 14.

While admitting the daring and skill of the German operations in Scandinavia, military commentators here point out a number of strategic drawbacks for the Reich.

Hitler will no longer be able to pursue a purely defensive policy, and must now face an extension of the war front which he had carefully endeavoured to avoid. Operations have already cost Germany a considerable number of warships while the British naval victory at Narvik clearly shows Germany's precarious position.

The coming week will mark the turning point in the conflict in Scandinavia, with the balance being restored in favour of the Allies.

The main objective of the Allies is now to prevent any German thrust from Narvik across the border to the Swedish iron mines, while any German attempt to invade Sweden from the south is already practically foiled by the Allies' minefields in the Baltic. Sweden's military preparations are also now practically completed.

Military and political observers believe active military support by Russia of Germany's campaign in the north is extremely unlikely because the U.S.S.R. would be menaced by German expansion in Scandinavia. Soviet action in the north would immediately provoke Allied action in the Balkans and south east Europe, as the Kremlin knows.—Havas.

German Bombers Seek King Haakon

London, Apr. 15.

The Norwegian Government has informed the British Government that German aircraft evidently have orders to attack the King of Norway personally, as they are bombing each successive place he stays in, according to an announcement by the Foreign Office. The German action follows the refusal of King Haakon to negotiate in person with the German Minister at Oslo.—Reuter.

Norway Will Never Capitulate

King Haakon Puts Ban On Any Parleys With Reich; Nazis Attacked

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

King Haakon has instructed the Premier, Hr. Johans Nygaardevold, not to start any conversations with the German Reich, should Germany desire enter into negotiations with the Norwegian Government.

In a message to the people of Norway, King Haakon today appealed to them to fight in defence of their country's integrity and independence.

The King stressed that Norway was the victim of a terrible aggression perpetrated by a country with which the Norwegians had always maintained friendly relations.

He bitterly branded the bombings to which the population of the country were subjected and emphasized that women and children were made to suffer unbelievable hardships.

"The country is in such a situation that we don't know today where the Crown Prince, the Government, and myself will be tomorrow," the King added. "The Germans attacked our party at a time when we were in a little town not protected against incendiary and explosive bombs."

"May God protect our country." King Haakon concluded.—Havas.

French Message to King Haakon

Paris, Apr. 15.

A telegram expressing the admiration of the French people for Norway's courageous resistance against the German invasion was sent to King Haakon today by President Albert Lebrun.

"The aggression against Norway meets with the reprobation of all free nations," the President said. "On behalf of the French people greatly moved by the wonderful courage with which your nation faced the invasion, I convey their feelings of deep sympathy and admiration. Norway may be assured that France, in complete agreement with her Allies, will give Norway every assistance in all spheres and by all possible means in order to assure her victory."—Havas.

German "Tourists" in Belgrade, Sofia

Seven Hundred Said to Have Diplomatic Passports

London, Apr. 15.

Several thousand Germans are now in Belgrade, according to the correspondent of "The Times" in that city. More German "tourists" are arriving daily.

Seven hundred Germans, he says, have documents which show them to be attached to official missions, making it difficult to refuse them entry and still more difficult to search them.

Many of them have diplomatic passports and are importing large trunks, which are not subjected to search and are unloaded at the German consulate. Their arrival coincided with the distribution to leaflets urging neutrals to submit to Germany.

Reports from Sofia, the correspondent adds, annonce that that city is also filled with German "tourists."—Reuter.

Italy Ready to Join In Conflict

Count Ciano's Spokesman Says Time Now Nearer

Rome, Apr. 15.

"The war which has fallen upon Norway might fall upon us, but if the bugles sound we shall be the ones to sound them," declared Signor Ansaldo, director of the newspaper "Telegrafo," which is owned by the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano in a broadcast last night to the armed forces of Italy.

Italy, he added, "is preparing for the moment which will be most opportune. Such an occasion, which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think. All who believe that Italy can draw into her shell and seek nothing but to make a little money, are in error. Such a programme could not be carried out by a little country like Norway, so how could it succeed in our case who have common frontiers with the belligerents and Mediterranean interests.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 15.

Signor Benito Mussolini has concentrated the Italian Fleet at the Dodecanese Islands at the entrance of the Dardanelles, Balkan diplomatic quarters reported last night. The new Italian naval move was regarded here as part of the Rome-Berlin Axis strategy believed to have been agreed upon last month during the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini at Brenner Pass. Simultaneously, Signor Mussolini was reported preparing to call up 1,250,000 Italian reservists in an effort to cripple the Allied-Turkish mutual aid pact.—United Press.

Danish and Norwegian Ships in Far East Converging on Hongkong

Mv. Panama Leaves Manila for British Base; Admiralty Orders Obeyed; Germans Ignored

Hongkong, Apr. 15.

Norwegian and Danish ships in Far Eastern waters were heading for Hongkong and some fifty Norwegian vessels were expected to be based here shortly, it was learned today.

The East Asiatic Company, owners of the Danish-owned mv. Panama, said that the vessel was not cancelling its Hongkong call but was definitely arriving here tomorrow. A Manila report said the Panama left Manila for an undisclosed destination and was not expected to call at Hongkong despite the British radio orders that all Danish and Norwegian ships should proceed to the nearest British port. Other Danish ships, it was understood, were disregarding Copenhagen's instructions to proceed to neutral ports and instead were expected to head for Hongkong in accordance with the British orders broadcast to Scandinavian ships.

The Norwegian ship Kroniviken, which was detained here since the outbreak of hostilities between Norway and Germany, was permitted to leave Hongkong yesterday with cargo consigned to Indo-China. A military guard was understood to have been placed aboard the ship, but it could not be ascertained whether British or French units comprised the guard.

Shipping circles indicated that they expected Hongkong to become the base shortly for some fifty Norwegian ships now in Far Eastern waters.—United Press.

Ships Held Up in San Pedro

San Pedro, Apr. 15.

The Danish tramp motorship Nordpol (4,480 tons), under charter to British interests, returned here today and anchored with two other Danish ships, the Ermia (8,786 tons) and Hulda Maersk (5,601 tons).

The Nordpol, carrying a cargo from the Orient to Europe, was half way to Panama when she turned back because of the occupation of Denmark by the Germans.

The status of the Norwegian motorship Sophocles (4,200 tons), which arrived today from the Orient, is in doubt. She is under charter to Danish interests, but her Norwegian registry makes her subject to British control.

The Norwegian motor-tanker Havkong (9,666 tons) has arrived from Japan to load oil.—Reuter.

Norwegian Boys of Fifteen Rallying to Royal Army

Defenders Driven Into Sweden and Interned; Kongsvinger Relieved by Guerilla Resistance

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

GERMAN troops have abandoned Narvik and are taking refuge in difficult country north and east of Narvik, according to a despatch from the Norwegian news agency's office at Bodoe. Whether British forces have landed is not known. The Stockholm radio says two German soldiers from Narvik yesterday cross the Swedish frontier and have been interned. The desperate efforts being made by the Norwegians to mobilize sufficient forces to withstand the German invasion are emphasized by reports that boys of fifteen are being enlisted.

Norwegian forces have blown up the railway line from Narvik to Lulea, so that German troops in the Narvik region are cut off, according to newspaper reports from the frontier. South-east of Oslo the Germans are reported to have occupied Sarpsborg, on the Glommen River near Frederikstad. Halden, almost in the Swedish frontier, surrendered without resistance. A German force not more than 100 strong is reported to have entered the town in omnibuses and cars. The Germans have given way somewhat near Eidsvold and an immediate threat to Kongsvinger has been averted.

Fighting continues around Elverum but no major developments are reported. Photographs published in Stockholm newspapers reveal that havoc caused by air raids on Elverum was far worse than anything seen in the Russo-Finnish war. There is great indignation throughout Sweden at the bombing of defenceless civilians.

The crew of five of a German plane which made a forced landing at Mariestad, in south Sweden, have also been interned. The plane had to land because of shortage of petrol.

The Norwegian General Staff announces that Swedish and Finnish volunteers have arrived at the front in Norway.

The Norwegian naval headquarters claim that three German planes have been shot down, and crews numbering ten taken prisoner.

Nazis Reinforce Trondheim

A Norwegian communique adds that German reinforcements are being flown from Oslo to Trondhjem.

A correspondent states that the Norwegian front is beginning to take definite shape, partly due to military tactics and great efforts of Norwegian officers who returned from the Finnish war.

The Germans are described as excellently equipped. Light tanks and even some heavy artillery are said to have been landed from the first transports at Oslo.

Other press reports reaching here, said the Germans were overcoming resistance and sweeping eastward towards the Swedish border.

As a week-long naval battle continued on the western coast of Norway, German forces are said to be moving inland from Oslo towards Charlottenberg across Lake Mjosa.

Heavy bombers continued to raid Elverum, where more than fifty already have been killed.

More Nazi troops were landed at Oslo and immediately began to march eastward, according to the reports.

Guerilla warfare continued between Kongsvinger and Halden also to the Norwegian-Swedish boundary. —Reuter.

Germans Break Through

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

Swedish and Finnish volunteers were thrown into the Norwegian front lines today to halt a drive of German motorized forces which, the Norwegian High Command admitted, broke through an iron ring of resistance encircling Oslo. The Norwegian High Command communique said the Germans had advanced so rapidly that they had crossed the Glommen River, capture Eidsvoll and reached the Skager Rak coast on both sides of the Oslo Fjord.

Big German transport planes, after ferrying Nazi reinforcements across the Skager Rak from Denmark, were reported to be transporting reinforcements from Oslo to new fronts.

The Norwegian Army and Navy Command reported that near Honefors Norwegian troops were forced to withdraw after fierce fighting, the Swedish radio announced today.—United Press.

"Read War" Continuing

Paris, Apr. 15.

For the second day in succession, operations in Norway during the past 24 hours have been characterized by the "road war" in which the Germans are trying to progress as far as possible along communication lines, while the Norwegians defend bridges, passages on lakes, and entrances to forest highways.

The German aim is to hamper the mobilization ordered in Norway and relieve the German detachments which landed in a number of Norwegian ports.

The Norwegian air force and fleet are making their action felt. Yesterday several German planes were shot down by Norwegian machines while the Norwegian destroyer Daug intercepted a German freighter off the west coast and stood by while it sank slowly after having been scuttled by her crew.

The third bombing of the airport at Stavanger by British planes last night has made it absolutely useless to the Germans. The airport is the most important one in Norway.

It is understood that the German authorities in Oslo have seized 300 political, industrial and intellectual personalities as hostages. These hostages are being held responsible for any renewal of "serious acts of sabotage" by the Norwegian population.—Havas.

Nazis Suffer Heavily

Amsterdam, Apr. 15.

German troops succeeded in driving back Norwegian forces near Skarneas Foss on Sunday after suffering heavy losses, the Stockholm Radio said today. Furious fighting was seen in the area throughout Sunday, it was reported. The Germans have reached the Swedish border near Bjoerkvik, obliging numerous Norwegians there to seek shelter in Sweden, the Stockholm radio added. About 3,000 Norwegian troops near Aarjaeng were cut off by the Germans and were forced to enter Swedish territory Sunday night. They were disarmed and interned, Stockholm reported.—United Press.

German Reinforcements

Stockholm, Apr. 14.

German reinforcements are being sent from Oslo to Trond Hjem, the Norwegian official communique revealed today.

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Silver Settlement Nearly Achieved

Gaimusho Spokesman Says Technical Problems Only Remain to Be Disposed Of

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

"An amicable settlement of the Tientsin silver question is very near, as a result of a conversation between Mr. Masayuki Tani (Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Sir Robert Craigie (British Ambassador) on Saturday morning, but the exact date of the settlement cannot be given," declared that Foreign Office spokesman at the press conference today, according to a Japanese report.

Replying to a foreign correspondent, he said all minor details of the issue were exhaustively discussed by Mr. Tani and Sir Robert, but pointed out that the latter had to refer the matter to his Government for instructions.

The European war, the spokesman added, had nothing to do with the silver question, which was not an important issue. The problem had, however, various technical phases which required careful consideration.

Question on N.E.I.

Questioned regarding yesterday' newspaper report that Japan could not remain indifferent to any change in the political status of the Netherlands East Indies, which would be brought about as a sequel to the European war, and that the Japanese Government was, therefore, likely to take some diplomatic action, the spokesman stated: "The newspaper story has nothing to do with the interview between Mr. Tani and Sir Robert Craigie, which was devoted to a discussion of the silver question, and which never touched on the question of the Netherlands East Indies."

In view of the importance of the question raised by the press, he said he would consult the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, before giving definite comment.—Reuter.

Mr. McNutt Given Free Hand

Presidential Candidacy Pressed; Mr. Roosevelt Unlikely to Run Again

Washington, Apr. 15.

President Roosevelt has given the Federal Security Administrator, Mr. Paul V. McNutt, a free hand to promote his own candidacy for the Presidency, political observers believed here last night.

The President, it was believed, is permitting Mr. McNutt to defend the Administration's foreign and domestic policies while furthering the former Philippines High Commissioner's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The President last week granted Mr. McNutt three months' leave of absence from his Government post, thereby enabling Mr. McNutt to intensify his efforts to become the next President of the White House.

Mr. McNutt said in a nationwide radio address last night that American business must return to the competitive profit system and reverse the accepted theory of technology if the unemployment problem is to be solved. He said that industry should use the advances of technology in the interest of consumers instead of for their own immediate interests. Monopolies, he said, must be crushed and small business stimulated, if competition is to be assured in American business life.—United Press.

Senator Pittman's Statement

Las Vegas, Nev., Apr. 15.

Senator Key Pittman, Democrat of Nevada and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, last night said that President Roosevelt was not anxious to stand for a third term.

Senator Pittman placed his views of third term possibilities for President Roosevelt on record for his home state. "I believe," he said, "that President Roosevelt does not desire a third term and has no intention of accepting the nomination unless at the time it appears to him that a great emergency requires it."

Senator Pittman mentioned Mr. John N. Garner, Vice President; Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. James A. Farley, Postmaster General, as presidential prospects in the Democratic Party.

"The way to make the capitalistic system work smoothly is to pass one of the benefits of efficiency in production to the consumer in the form of reduced prices," Mr. McNutt said. "Since labour and those who invest capital in one way or another constitute by far the majority of consumers, this is the one comprehensive way of dividing equitably the profits of technological advance."—United Press.

European Development Affects Local Trade

New Chungking Laws Also Hurt Chinese Industry

Much uneasiness is being caused among Chinese trade and industrial circles in Shanghai due to the development of the European situation and further restrictions placed by Chungking on goods coming from Chekiang, according to Chinese reports. Merchants in neutral countries in Europe are attempting to speed up exports to the Far East, but imported raw materials required by Shanghai industries are already increasing in price.

The spread of hostilities to Northern Europe has caused the prices of raw materials imported to Shanghai from countries in that area to rise and Chinese industrialists are hastily placing orders for European raw materials with foreign trade agents in Shanghai. This sudden demand for manufacturing commodities has resulted in a jump of 85 per cent. in the prices of raw materials compared to the prices prevailing here last week. No immediate shortage is expected, however, for prior to the spread of the European war, Scandinavian goods had been imported in large quantities, it is reported.

Prices of cotton yarn have further increased as a result of the European situation, according to Chinese reports. Stringency in the foreign exchange market and the hoarding indulged in by speculators have forced prices up 400 to 500 per cent., but investigation by the authorities, of the latter practice, may afford some relief. More than 200,000 bales of cotton are reported to be stored in Shanghai at the present time. Blame for speculation has been placed on local banks, whose profits during the last few days have ranged between $200,000 and $1,000,000.

Export Restrictions

Meanwhile Chungking is reported to be restricting exportation of wooden boards, eggs and tobacco from Wenchow to Shanghai and the Customs House in Chekiang is said to be putting the order into effect today. Before exporting these goods to Shanghai, merchants must buy Government foreign exchange. Match manufacturers in Shanghai will be hard hit by the restrictions as the new order also applies to the export of match boxes from Wenchow.

Presentation to Sub-Insp: Davies

Happy Function in Louza Station

A very pleasant function was held in Louza Police Station yesterday, when friends of Sub-Inspr. "Buster" Davies gathered to bid him farewell. Mr. Davies who resigns the Force today will leave for New Zealand tomorrow with Mrs. Davies.

It was mingled regrets and pleasure that Mr. V. Sharman, Assistant Commissioner of Police—he knew that those present shared his views—in a few well-chosen words, expressed his sentiments. He pointed out that their departing friend had joined the Police Force in 1926 and had been commended for his excellent work. He then handed Mr. Davies a silver tea set, inscribed as follows:—Presented to Sub-Inspector Davies by his colleagues of the Shanghai Municipal Police on the occasion of his resignation, April 14, 1940.

Mr. Davies replied suitably.

British Land at Several Points on Norway Coast

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enemy in Hafs Fjord, "where a number of seaplanes moored on the water were machine-gunned, and an enemy machine-gun post silenced."

An Air Ministry communique says further raiding attacks were carried out against Stavanger aerodrome last night by reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command.

Despite darkness and heavy rain, incendiary bombs were dropped on the aerodrome, and ground defences were attacked with machine-gun fire. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered, but the British aircraft sustained no damage, it is claimed.—Reuter.

Stockholm Says Scheer Sunk

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

The sinking of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer has been confirmed, although it is not yet known whether the warship struck a mine or was torpedoed. Confirmation has also been received of the sinking of the 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau, which went down with 1,500 men on board.

Swedish naval experts estimate the total tonnage lost by the Germans so far, excluding the Admiral Scheer, which displaces 10,000 tons, as approximately 27 per cent. of the total tonnage of the German fleet.—Havas.

Battleship Gneisenau Sunk

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

Fairly conclusive evidence that the German warship sunk recently in the Oslo Fjord was the Gneisenau, one of the most powerful units in the German Fleet, and not the cruiser Bluecher, is supplied by reports from Berlin that Admiral Carls and several navy and army officers of high rank were forced to swim ashore after the sinking. Men of this rank would only be in command of a major capital warship.

Also, the Norwegian claim that the Gneisenau has been sunk has not been denied by Berlin.

In a communique last week, the Germans admitted the loss of the 10,000-ton cruiser Bluecher together with the 6,000-ton cruiser Karlsruhe. The Bluecher, it said, was heavily damaged outside Oslo while endeavouring to silence a battery of 11-inch guns. The Bluecher, completed only last year, mounted eight 8-inch guns and carried three aircraft, while the Gneisenau is one of the largest and most powerful ships in the German Fleet.—Reuter.

Allies Mine Baltic By Plane

London, Apr. 15.

The mining of the Baltic by the Allies yesterday was done by plane, it was reported here today. The operation was a spectacular one owing to the considerable distance covered by the machines, which were carrying heavy loads.

It was later specified that the mines covered an area extending from Hals, watts if paid power a year.—Reuter. on the Lim Fjord in northern Denmark, to the Swedish coast, and from the little Swedish town of Buntevik right to Memel.—Havas.

Belgian Relief Work In China

One of Two Hospitals in Shanghai May Be Closed

Chungking, Apr. 15.

Details of the work of the Belgian Relief Committee in China have been revealed by Chinese authorities here.

Chairman of the committee is M. J. Hers, general manager of the Brussels Bank, who has been away from China over 18 months and is now in Brussels.

The Committee has maintained two hospitals for Chinese refugees in Shanghai for over two years.

Besides supporting the two hospitals, the Belgian Committee has also sent money to missionary institutions in Honan and Hupeh for relief work.

In a letter dated February 20, addressed to Dr. F. C. Yen, director of National Health Administration, M. Hers wrote: "We are trying to raise fresh money, but times are bad. We cannot hope to collect much and I therefore propose to close one of our units in Shanghai, and give more assistance to the Belgian fathers in Ichang, so they may be able to develop their own relief work in Western Hupeh."

Instead of money, the committee may send medical supplies to Mgr. Gubbels, Belgian Bishop of Ichang.—Reuter.

Precautions Taken In Luxembourg

Groups Prohibited in Streets After Dark

Luxembourg, Apr. 15.

Police regulations have been issued, forbidding groups of over three people in the streets after night-fall. Any meetings in private places, in which foreigners principally participate, must be notified to the police beforehand. Civil guards, recently established in Luxembourg, now help to guard public buildings and streets during the night.—Reuter.

Palace Guard Duties For Canadians

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

Detachments of the First Canadian Division will march through the streets of London tomorrow and Saturday, when the Royal 22nd French Canadian Regiment and Toronto Scottish arrive to take over guard duties at the Royal Palaces.—Reuter.

Vancouver Aluminium Plant Doubled

Portland, Apr. 15.

Doubling of the planned capacity of the new plant at Vancouver of the Aluminium Company of America is definitely in prospect, according to the "Portland Oregonian." A factory, which will be powered by the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, is under construction. The company recently contracted for 32,500 kilowatts of paid power a year.—Reuter.

Japan's Concern in Netherland E.I.

Possible Involvement of Holland in Europe War and Far East Repercussions

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Japan's "deep concern" with any situation that may bring about a change in the present status of the Netherlands East Indies was expressed here today by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, in a special interview with the Japanese press.

Mr. Arita met with the press after the adjournment of an extraordinary Cabinet meeting, which was preceded by a hurried consultation, this morning, between Premier Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai and the Foreign Minister.

"Japan is economically bound with the South Seas region, specially the Netherlands East Indies, by an intimate relationship of mutuality in ministering to one anothter's need," "Mr. Arita replied to a newspaperman's question on Japan's position with regard to the possible involvement of the Netherlands in the European war and the repercussions in the N.E.I. of such a development.

Close Economic Relations

"Similarly, other countries in East Asia maintain close economic relations with that region. That is to say that Japan, these countries, and the South Sea region are contributing to the prosperity of East Asia through mutual aid and interdependence," the Foreign Minister continued.

"Should the hostilities in Europe be extended to the Netherlands and produce a repercussion, as you say, in the Netherlands East Indies, it would not only interfere with the maintenance and the furtherance of the above-mentioned relations of economic interdependence, so-existence and co-operation, but it would create an unfortunate situation from the viewpoint of the maintenance of peace and the stability of East Asia.

"The Japanese Government," Mr. Arita stated, "cannot but manifest its deep concern towards the creation of a situation which may bring about a change in the status of the Netherlands East Indies as a consequence of the aggravation of the war in Europe."

Meeting in an extraordinary session, the Cabinet was understood to have reaffirmed its policy of non-involvement in the European conflict, but, at the same time, agreed upon the need to clarify Japan's interest in preventing the spread of the European conflict to the western Pacific.

Netherlands Envoy Informed

Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, this afternoon informed Gen. J. C. Pabst, Netherlands Minister here of the Japanese Government's views regarding the possibility of an extension of the European conflict to the Netherlands East Indies.

The Netherlands Minister was requested to convey his information to the Hague Government.—Domei.

Japan Concerned

FROM PERCY WHITEING

N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, April 15.

Mr. Hachiro Arita's warning to the Japanese press today, that Japan was deeply concerned with any development of the European war which would affect the present status of the Netherlands East Indies, may be interpreted that Japan does not at the present time intend to make any move towards the islands if other powers refrain, but it is significant of a new extension of Japan's hegemony southward, whereby she takes a hand in the affairs of the N.E.I.

Since the present new stage of the European war began, one of the chief Japanese focal points of interest has been the Netherlands East Indies, which will presumably be cut off from the mother country in the event of occupation of the Netherlands by either of the belligerents. In such a situation, Japan would be interested, not only economically, as she has been in the past, but also from a military point of view. The Japanese are pondering whether Great Britain or the United States, or both, may attempt some sort of control over the islands, and are conjecturing Japan's actions in the event of such an occurrence.

The islands are regarded as extremely important as a vital source of much-needed materials and also as a market for Japanese goods in addition to their strategic importance, and conditions might be vastly different if the islands passed from a small neutral like Holland into the hands of a strong power opposing Japan's expansion. This interest in the Netherlands East Indies is currently reflected in the speculations of various Japanese writers who maintain that Japan cannot be unconcerned if another power attempts to take over the islands.

Sweden Practising Blackouts

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

The official radio station broadcast Government orders regarding "air protection" today. Blackouts will be enforced at noon on Tuesday in districts covering most of southern and south-western Sweden and also Wernland province in the west and the Island of Gotland.

A three-motored German junker plane was forced down when it flew over Mariestad, western Sweden. The plane's crew of five were interned.—United Press.

Admiral T. C. Hart To Visit Amoy

Amoy, Apr. 15.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, was scheduled to arrive here tomorrow in the U.S.S. Isabel.

Escorting the admiral will be the U.S.S. Tulsa, which will relieve the U.S.S. Asheville which will leave for Hongkong. Admiral Hart was expected to sail north soon after his arrival.—Domei.

Nazis Tell Narvik News Carefully

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that "our heavy naval forces were undamaged although losses on both sides have not yet been fully ascertained."

The 32,000-ton British battle cruiser, Renown, was damaged last Tuesday, the communique said. (A British announcement said the Renown was hit twice during a battle with the Scharnhorst but was not seriously damaged.)

Four Planes Lost

German losses last Friday in air battles over the Norwegian coast were four planes, the German High Command announced last night. The announcement said one German Messerschmitt plane, which was previously thought lost, had returned yesterday.

Other German claims announced here last night included:

1. A 9,000-ton British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed by a German submarine north of the Shetlands. (This is denied in London.)
2. Three British submarines were destroyed by German submarine pursuit units in the Skager Rak.
3. Two British submarines were bombed and destroyed by German planes.
4. British planes which attacked Narvik, Stavanger and Bergen last Saturday, "dropped bombs on Bergen with no effect on military objectives."
5. Important coastal points of Denmark have been prepared against Allied attack with heavy batteries, while defences in Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger and Kristiansand have also been strengthened.
6. German land forces in the Oslo area were "constantly advancing northward, eastward and westward, and captured, among other points, Sarpsborg, Askim, Frederickstadt, and Halden."

Several hundred Norwegian officers and 15,000 men were reported to have laid down their arms to the Germans at Heidstadtmoen.

Britain's losses through the German occupation of Norway and Denmark consisted of 31 per cent. of her butter imports, 63 per cent. of her bacon imports, and 57 per cent. of her egg imports, the "Berliner Boersen-Zeitung" asserted yesterday. "From now on nothing will be sent to England from the entire Scandinavian and Baltic areas," the paper said. England also lost 32 per cent. of her iron imports and 93 per cent. of her cellulose imports, the paper said. The figures were based on 1937 statistics.—United Press.

Heavy Fighting in Western Environs

About 1,500 Guerillas and Japanese Troops Meet in Sanguine Engagements

Very heavy fighting took place early yesterday morning in the outskirts of Shanghai when large-scale guerilla operations in which heavy armament used both by Chinese guerillas numbering about 1,500 and Japanese detachments from Kiangwan area woke up many residents in the Hungjao area. Chinese evening papers gave detailed accounts of the affair, described as some of the most fierce fighting to take place near Shanghai since the conclusion of the Shanghai hostilities more than two years ago.

The reports admitted that the Chinese forces, led by Col. Koo Fu-sen, suffered heavy losses but the Japanese were said to have met with the same fate. Quoting arrivals from the countryside the reports said that fighting still continued late in the afternoon when they left the Hungjao Cheng (village). The battle was waged at a place near Chaohong on the Shanghai-Tsingpu highway about 30 km. from Shanghai.

Just why such large-scale fighting had broken out so near the city these reports did not state clearly but other Chinese reports circulated during the past few days indicated that guerilla fighting had been causing trouble to the Japanese garrison forces in railway zones in Chekiang and Kiangsu. It was even reported that recently 26 Chinese planes flew to districts near Nanking dropping handbills and causing uneasiness among the Japanese and new Chinese officials in occupied districts.

A graphic account of the fighting stated that heavy gunfire awakened residents early yesterday morning and Japanese forces were rushed to the Shanghai-Tsingpu highway from Kiangwan. More than ten truckloads of Japanese soldiers and four tanks had been concentrated in places near Great Western, Chungshan and Hungjao Roads prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Japanese garrison forces in neighbouring districts had been reinforced during the past few days.

But it was not until yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock that the Japanese began their push. The Japanese may have taken the initiative in the engagements for one report admitted that owing to difficulties in obtaining ammunition and the recruiting by new Chinese authorities, the number of guerillas operating near Shanghai had been reduced. It was hinted that the guerillas who fought yesterday might be the only ones that the Japanese may have to face.

Chinese Headquarters Bombed in Kiangsi

Heavy damage was inflicted upon the field headquarters of the Chinese 32nd Group Army at Fuchow and of the 26th Division at Changwangmiao by Japanese naval bombers on Saturday, the Japanese China Seas Fleet announced in Shanghai yesterday.

Direct hits were scored by the Japanese raiders which were engaged on a combined reconaissance and bombing mission over central Kiangsi, the communique stated.

Printing Shop Fire

Fire broke out in a printing shop at 1121, Lane 54, Sinza Road, shortly before 7.30 p.m. yesterday, burning a quantity of paper and causing slight damage to two printing machines and a portion of the roof of the shop before it was brought under control. Machines from Sinza Fire Station attended the blaze and brought it under control in 18 minutes. No one was injured.

Fish Market Men Sentenced

Attempted Intimidation Lands Trio in Ward Road Gaol for Month

Three Chinese employees of the Hongkew Fish Market were sentenced to 30 days imprisonment each in the First Special District Court yesterday morning, being found guilty of attempting to intimidate the drivers of two trucks loaded with sea products at No. 2 Pontoon, The Bund, on Sunday evening.

The comestibles had just been unloaded from a river boat arriving here from Tungchow, and when the trucks were about to leave for a French Concession fish hong, the men walked up to the chauffeurs and ordered them to proceed to Hongkew.

The chauffeurs refused and called policemen near the scene. A foreign officer on duty at the kiosk opposite Canton Road took the intimidators to Central station where they were questioned and subsequently sent to the court yesterday.

The Hongkew fish market was established some time ago for the purpose of levying taxes on all commodities brought to Shanghai and which are destined for the markets and fish shops in the foreign areas. Markets for vegetables and meat have already been established and the taxes levied are said to be responsible for the hike in local food prices.

Peiping Police and Italian Cinema

Officials After Incident Recognize Rights

Peiping, Apr. 15.

An incident took place here on Saturday when Chinese police tried to prevent their fellow-countrymen from entering the Roma Cinema, an Italian concern. when it opened for the first time on that day.

The police alleged that the company was not properly registered in accordance with the Chinese regulations. Italian Marines present during the performance quietly dispersed the Chinese police.

Just before the evening performance the Chinese police reappeared again, this time with a few Japanese gendarmes, and arrested several employees of the cinema and about 50 Chinese spectators, who were released at 2.30 a.m.

The incident was later settled between the Italian and Chinese authorities, the latter recognizing that the cinema is situated in foreign territory. The cinema was built on a lot adjoining the Legation Quarters, and the Chinese first insisted that the company had to submit to Chinese regulations.—Havas.

British Steamer Sends Out S.O.S.

Ship Believed Victim of German Submarine

New York, Apr. 15.

The Mackay Radio station reports interception of radio distress signals from the British steamer Craig, 3,663 tons.

The signals said: "Submarine coming close" and gave the ship's position as about 800 miles north-east of New York. An hour later a second call from the Craig was picked up, giving an S.O.S. signal and indicating an attack had taken place. No further details are available.—Reuter.

The Mackay Radio later reported having heard a radio station,—presumably Canadian—say the Craig's distress signal had been "all cleared up."—Reuter.

Norwegian Boys of Fifteen Rallying to Royal Army

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German troops which landed at Halden, on the Ide Fjord which separates Norway from Sweden, have occupied the border post and customs house in a short drive to Kornsjoe. Norwegian troops are reported to be only about thirteen miles from the Swedish border North-east of Halden.

Three thousand Norwegian soldiers who participated in a battle south-east of Oslo have crossed the Swedish border between Halden and Goteborg. They have been interned and disarmed by the Swedish authorities.

Battle is still in full progress east of Kongsvinger, which is still in the hands of the Norwegian forces.—Havas.

German Take Eidsvoll

Stockholm, Apr. 15.

Reports from the Swedish-Norwegian border say German troops in Southern Norway have extended their front to Ajosa. Eidsvoll was occupied by German soldiers at 2 o'clock this morning, while the Norwegian troops occupying Elverum withdrew. The Norwegian main body has crossed the Vorma River, south of Eidsvoll, and are now entrenched in positions which appear secure. Violent fighting occurred since yesterday near Skarnes, a town south-east of Eidsvoll, where the Germans are operating with small detachments.

The Norwegian correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen" says a scarcity of food is being felt in east Norway where all foodstuffs are being severely rationed.—Havas.

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New York Comment on Shanghai Elections

New York, Apr. 15.

Possible dangers which may result from the defeat of the Japanese candidates in the recent elections of the International Settlement of Shanghai were the subject of an editorial in the New York "Herald Tribune" today.

"The Shanghai elections may seem like a very tiny square in the smallest teapot," the paper said. "Actually there may be in it, however, the makings of a war in the Pacific."

"Japanese spokesmen," the paper added, "hasten to say they will have the votes next year and can afford to wait. But will the army wait? The next in order is a demand on the treaty powers for the retrocession of the Settlement through the new régime in Nanking. Next after that is its rejection by the British and American Governments, Shanghai's original concessionaires. The tempest is, indeed, a wee one but the teapot is the Pacific, so this wee tempest deserves watching."—Havas.

Daring Gang Stage $19,600 Hold-up

Armed Robbers Raid Hong In Kiukiang Road; Just Miss Loot of $148,000

One of the most daring robberies ever committed in downtown Shanghai was staged between 2.20 and 3 p.m. yesterday when four brazen thieves, two of them armed with pistols, robbed the Hyang Yue Koong shipping hong at 250 Kiukiang Road of $19,600 in cash and relieved one of the employees of the firm of a pocket watch and a finger ring valued at $200. Ironically enough, the gangsters just missed $148,000, that amount having been sent to the bank about ten minutes before they entered the premises.

The robbers entered the office of the shipping hong through a godown, which had been left open. Two accountants were the only persons in the office and these were intimidated by the armed thieves while the unarmed gangsters bound their hands with pulley wire and gagged them with pieces of newspaper. The thieves remained on the premises for over 40 minutes and during that time no less than six other persons entered the office on business. These six suffered the same fate as the two accountants and the robbers continued with their search.

Not satsified with the $19,400 in cash which they had managed to find on the premises, one of the robbers searched one of the accountants and stole a pocket watch and a finger ring from him. A few minutes after the gang had made their departure one of the accountants managed to free himself and after releasing the other captives he reported the matter to the police.

Dutch Fire on Allied, German Planes

The Hague, Apr. 15.

Anti-aircraft guns opened fire, and air patrols went up against Allied and German aeroplanes, which were sighted over Dutch territorial waters yesterday, it has been announced. Protests were made, in this connection, to the British, French and German Governments.—Reuter.

American Comments On Greenland

Extension of Monroe Doctrine Advocated

Chicago, Apr. 15.

The extension of the Monroe Doctrine to Greenland was firmly advocated by Colonel Frank Knox, Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1936, writing in the "Chicago Daily News," of which he is the publisher.

He also stated that the United States should co-operate in any temporary annexation of Greenland by either Canada or Newfoundland. A third possibility, he said, would be for the United States itself to take over the sovereignty of Greenland until the end of the war.

Major Fielding Eliot, military correspondent for the "New York Herald-Tribune," in that paper said: "The occasion is an excellent one to make it clear to the rest of the world that the United States will not tolerate any occupation by or transfer to another non-American power of European possessions situated in the Western hemisphere, for the establishment of new military, naval, or air bases." There should be no doubts, the Major added, regarding what America's policy should be in this matter or the necessity to support it by armed force if necessary.—Havas.

Chinese Oversea Mission To Visit Chungking

Chungking, Apr. 15.

Forty-four members of a Chinese oversea delegation are due to arrive at Chungking tomorrow from Kweiyang.

Their leader, Mr. Tan Kah-kee, prominent industrialist of Singapore, has already arrived here.

The party will visit various war fronts to distribute "comfort gifts" and medicines among the troops.—Reuter.

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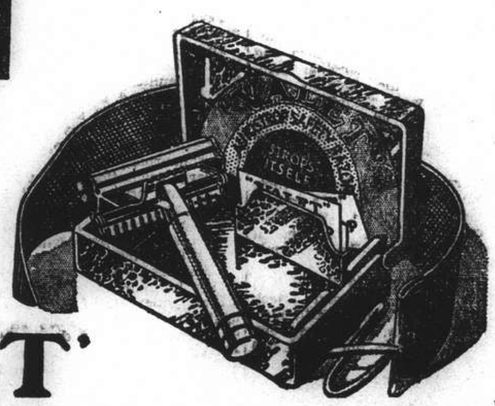

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A MEETING of the Shanghai Municipal Council has been convened for Thursday, at 12 noon.

MR. and Mrs. E. E. Parsons have returned to Shanghai after an absence of eight months in New Zealand.

THE Union Church Women's Guild will meet this afternoon at 3 p.m. Tea will be served, and the speaker for the afternoon will be Miss Dieterle.

THE China Buddhist Association, formerly located at 418 Hart Road, has been moved to Chungking where work is being continued as usual, states a report to the "Sin Wan Pao."

BREAKING into the offices of the Towa Theater in Chapoo road at down Sunday, a thief carried off $530 worth of clothing belonging to employees of the theatre, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

OWING to the change in the European situation the garments knitted by the British Prisoners of War Section, B.W.A., will now be sent to the Central Committee for Prisoners of War, British Red Cross, in London. The first consignment will be despatched to London in the immediate future.

THE results of the election on April 14, of the committee for 1940, of the Latvian Association were as follows:—C. A. Bauman, president; I. K. Kahan, vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Minter, secretary; S. Waitniek, treasurer; committee members—Mesdames E. A. Silgalw, Grinberg and L. Holper, auditors—Mr. P. Wittinsky, and Mesdames Faulkner, Reinberg.

SUBSCRIBERS and friends of the Lester Chinese Hospital are reminded of the annual meeting of subscribers, which will take place today at 5.30 p.m. at the Hospital Building, 145 Shantung Road. Mr. A. H. George, H.M. Consul-General will take the chair. The hospital itself will be open to visitors from 4.30 p.m. until the meeting, during which period refreshments will be served.

IN view of the great demand for seats at the concert to be given by Maestro Paci and his three pupils (pianistes) Mary Shen, Leyda Pezzini and Rosa Schiffmann, at the Lyceum, tomorrow night at 9.15, assisted by the full Municipal Orchestra, persons who have made advance reservations are kindly requested to fetch their tickets as soon as possible, for seats unpaid for before noon on Wednesday will be put on sale.

MISS Ida Pruitt, for many years one of the best known social workers in North China, has returned to America to organize support for handicraft revivals in non-occupied territory under the auspices of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. She will seek to raise funds and to create an interest in the cultural saving that can be made through these efforts. A sponsoring committee, with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at its head, is being formed for the campaign.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight April 13, shows that the total number of deaths among the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 16 and Chinese 789. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 1; typhus fever 1. Chinese, tuberculosis 63; typhoid fever 28; typhus fever 7; beri-beri 6; influenza 2; relapsing fever 2 and cerebrospinal fever, scarlet fever, dysentery, measles 1 each.

ST. Donat's, the historic castle in Wales which Mr. W. R. Hearst the American newspaper proprietor bought fifteen years ago, has been purchased by the Government for the Nation. Although he paid some £24,000 for St. Donat Mr. Hearst spent more than £250,000 on preserving it and converting it into a modern residence without detracting from its ancient character. St. Donat's is a mediæval castle standing on a promontory of the Glamorgan coast and with it goes about 600 acres and a swimming pool.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending April 13, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes among the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 5 and Chinese 226. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 1, typhus fever 1. Chinese, tuberculosis 24; carebrospinal meningitis 7; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 6; pneumonia 5; typhus fever 5 and diphtheria, recurring fever, measles, beri-beri, schistosomiasis 1 each.

TRAFFIC arrangements for the Ratepayers Meeting to be held at the Shanghai Race Club Public Stand, tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.:—Enter by Loong Fei gate, drive around Race Course training track (mud course) to Mafoos' Stand and park under direction of police on duty. Ratepayers are particularly requested not to set down on Bubbling Well Road opposite the main entrance to Race Club. "Official Cars" bearing "S.P." windscreen notices enter archway entrance on Mohawy Road and park in paddock under direction of police on duty.

THE Kansu Provincial Government has mapped out a three-year plan for the development of cotton production in the province. This plan was put into effect at the beginning of the year, says a Lanchow message to the "Sin Wan Pao." For the first year, 30,000 mow of land in eleven districts near Kaolan will be developed for the planting of cotton. During the second year 130,000 mow of land in 13 districts near Liangping, and in the third year another 340,000 mow of land will be similarly treated, the report states.

MEMBERS of the Japanese Goodwill Mission to Italy, who arrived in Shanghai Sunday from Japan, sailed for their destination yesterday afternoon aboard the N.Y.K. liner Haruna Maru, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. The party of 22, headed by Mr. Naotake Sato, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, was greetd on arrival by Marquis Francesco Maria Taliani de Marchio, Italian Ambassador to China; Mr. Ken Tsurumi, Director of the Bureau of Information of the Japanese Embassy; Mr. Chiyosaku Fukuda, Acting President of the Shanghai Japanese Residents' Corporation, as well as other Japanese and Italian officials and civilians.

Gas Manufactured By Latest Process

Methods Used in Shanghai Town Supply Described to Engineering Society

In a paper sponsored by the China Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and read before the Engineering Society of China last night, at the Henry Lester Institute of Medicial Research, 1320 Avenue Road, by Mr. A. M. Stickels, A.I. MECH. E., with Mr. F. J. Hookham, B.SC., M.INST. C.E., M.I.MECH.E., in the chair, entitled "Modern Methods of Gas Manufacture", Mr. Stickels said that carbonization of coal for the manufacture of gas and bye-products had been developed from very crude beginnings some 120 years ago, and he proposed to give a brief outline of the various processes which were applied in the present day production of town gas.

The quality of coal had been greatly improved in recent years, due to the practice of coal-cleaning adopted at the collieries, and this had resulted in a similar improvement in coke quality. Modern carbonizing plant was able to deal with various types of coal with almost equal facility, but economic and political difficulties in Shanghai had made it necessary in recent years to carbonize certain types of coal which would not normally be considered suitable, and the fact that no serious practical difficulties had been encountered was a tribute to the design of the carbonizing plant.

High Thermal Efficiency

The retorts were of the "continuous vertical" type in which the coal charge travelled down by gravity, and steam-quenched coke was discharged continuously at the bottom. Steam was raised for both power and process work by means of waste heat toilers which extracted the heat from the waste-gases leaving the retort settings, thus contributing to the very nigh thermal efficiency of modern gas manufacture.

From the retort-house the gas passed through the condensers where the fixed gases were cooled, and the liquifiable hydrocarbons and water-vapour condensed out; the gas then passed to the exhausting, machines which pumped it through the further stages of purification and finally into the holders for storage.

On leaving the exhausters the gas contained a suspension of very fine globules of tar, and this was removed by electrical precipitation methods, the resulting ionization causing about 99 per cent. of the tar globules and other particulate matter to be deposited in the treater.

Having been free from tar, the gas was next passed through a series of of washing machines whose chief duty was to remove the ammonia impurity.

The most important impurity now remaining was sulphuretted hydrogen, and gas suppliers were under legal obligation to remove this very completely, effected by passing the gas through a series of boxes each containing about 150 tons of porous contact material. Reference was made to several liquid purification processes to supersede the method just described.

After the complete extraction of sulphurttted hydrogen, there still remained traces of organic sulphur compounds such as carbon disulphide, thiophene, etc., desirable to be removed not only to reduce corrosion but also because they had a particluarly objectionable smell. It was usual to reduce the organic sulphur by washing with mineral oil.

Gas is Scrubbed

It was now the general practice partially to dry the gas before it left the works in order to reduce corrosion of mains services and meters, which might be effected by refrigeration, compression or absorption, but the two first named were usually ruled out owing to cost. Usually the gas was scrubbed with a solution of calcium chloride to such an extent that on leaving the works it had a relative humidity of about 40 per cent.

Benzole was extracted from the gas in a similar manner by scrubbing with mineral oil.

Before passing into the holders for storage the gas had to be measured, and various types of meters used for this purpose were mentioned.

The most common type of gasholder was still the familiar form in which a number of telescopic lifts worked in and out of a tank filled with water, the movement being guided either by external columns or by spiral guide-rails attached to the side sheets of the holder itself. A large number of "waterless" or "tankless" holders were now in use, and these consisted essentially of a vertical cylinder containing a piston whose weight gave a constant pressure to the gas irrespective of whether the holder was full or nearly empty.

High Pressure Holder

Another design of holder which was coming rapidly into favour was the high-pressure type, which was naturally much smaller than a low-pressure holder of similar capacity, and which had no moving parts of any description.

Water-gas, either "blue" or "carburetted", was used extensively for meeting peak loads or emergencies.

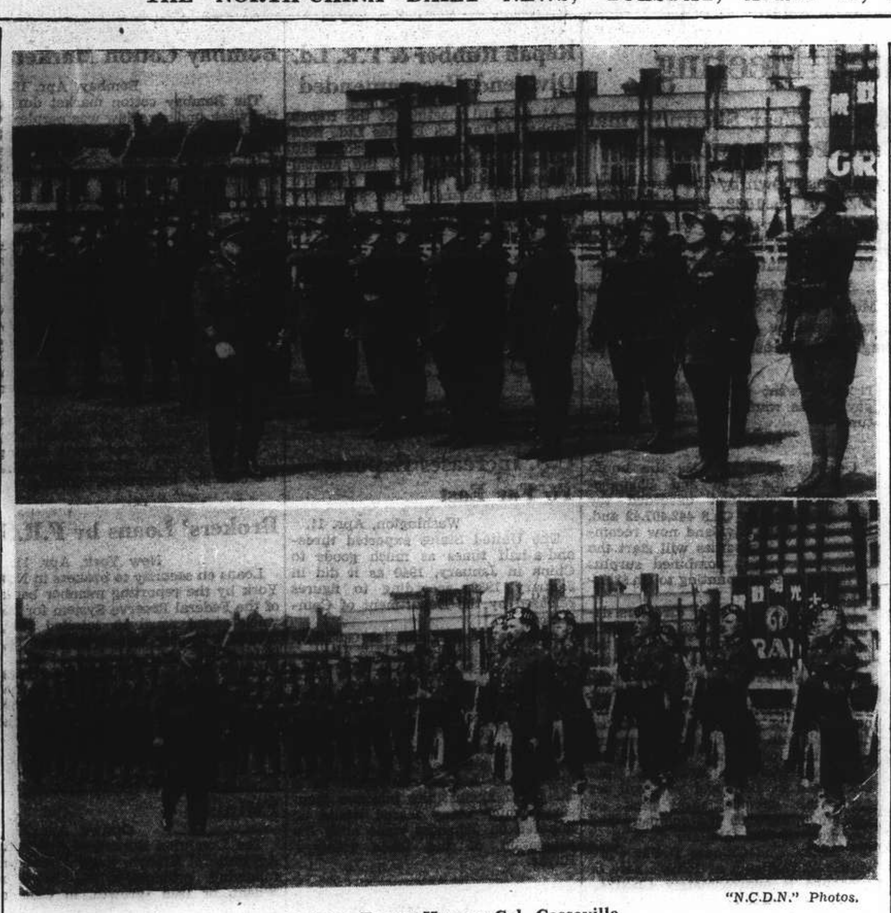
The average town-gas used to consist of "straight" coal-gas having a calorific value of about 600 B.th.U. per cu.ft.; Provided, however, the consumer was charged only on the basis of the actual heat units he received, so-called low-grade gas had a number of advantages and could be utilized with at least the same efficiency as "rich" gas.

Nightclub Cashier is Robbed in Home

Four men, all armed with pistols, forced their way into the home of Mr. C. H. Chow, cashier of Farren's nightclub, at House 32, Lane 37, Brenan Road at 8 a.m. yesterday and stole money and jewellery estimated to be worth approximately $10,000. The thugs thoroughly ransacked the house, remaining on the premises for over one hour before making their getaway.

Chinese Robbed of $1,000 in Central

A male Chinese was robbed of $1,000 by two men at 2.50 p.m. yesterday in Kiangse Road near Hongkong Road. Unable to raise an alarm until his assailants had decamped, the victim reported the matter to the police acout 30 minutes later. Investigations are now being made.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Defence Forces Honour Col. Casseville

Sparkling sunshine added colour to the brilliant military display at the Race Course yesterday morning as units of the Shanghai Defence Forces lined up in a guard of honour for Col. H. Casseville, Commander of all French Forces in China, who is sailing for France this week. Upper photo shows Col. Casseville inspecting the detachment from the French Forces while below, the departing French officer is seen as he passed details from the Russian Regiment and Seaforth Highlanders.

Official Farewell To French Colonel

Honour Guard from Units Of S.D.F. Salute Col. H. Casseville

Brilliant sunshine streamed down from cloudless skies yesterday morning as units of the Shanghai Defence Forces lined up at the Race Course at 10 a.m. to bid official farewell to Colonel H. Casseville, Commandant of all French Forces in China, who is sailing for France this week.

Colourfully arrayed in spick and span uniforms, detachments from the French Forces, Russian Regiment, forth Highlanders, Italian Marines, Japanese Naval Landing Party and Fourth U. S. Marines, stood smartly to attention as the French Colonel passed down the line to inspect the honour guard. A detail of French Buglers were on hand to furnish appropriate music.

100 Civilians Attending

Following his inspection of the guard of honour, Colonel Casseville shook hands with assembled officers from the various defence units and said goodbye. A number of French residents in Shanghai were also present at the ceremony, there being altogether about 100 civilians attending.

Among the naval and military officers present were: Maj.-Gen. F. K. Simmons, O. C. British Forces in Shanghai; Rear-Admiral M. Takeda, Commander of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, and staff officers; Col. J. W. Hornby, Commandant of the S.V.C.; Lt.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray, O. C. Seaforth Highlanders; Maj. B. H. Ashmore, Brigade Major, British Forces in Shanghai; Col. De Witt Peck, C. O. Fourth Marines; Lt.-Col. C. I. Murray, Executive Officer, Fourth Marines; Comdr. T. V. G. Morante, C. O. San Marco Battalion, Italian Marine Corps; Comdt. L. Fabre, Director of the French Police.

GOVERNMENT officials with years of experience of Ministers say they have been associated with few who had greater energy than Mr. Neville Chamberlain. A prodigious worker, he examines all important documents, and rarely calls for a synopsis. He reads quickly, and gets to the inwardness of things with the minimum of delay. A temperate man in most matters, the Prime Minister eats sparingly and is almost a teetotaller. He attributes his fitness to his walking exercises. However late he works at night—and he is frequently at his desk after midnight—he and Mrs. Chamberlain in propitious mornings have a stroll before breakfast.

Buddhists' Association Moves to Chungking

Government Making National Bid For Support

It is reported that the Chinese Buddhists' Association, formerly located in Nanking, with a branch in Shanghai, has been moved to Chungking and that the chairman of board of directors of the organization, Abbot Yuan Ying, who was once kidnapped in Shanghai and detained in Nanking, has resigned from his post. The new efforts made by Chungking to improve the organization foreshadows a nation-wide movement of obtaining the support of all Chinese Buddhists for the Chungking Government.

Several Buddhist dignitaries now in Chungking are said to have been appointed to take care of the reorganized association at Chungking. These include Master Chang Chia (a living Buddha) Mr. Heu Jen-ching and Mr. Chiu Wen-lu, the last named being a well-known philanthropist in Shanghai.

It is also stated that the new association will order all Buddhist organizations in areas under Chungking's control to revive their activities. It is not disclosed as to what kind of programme they will be ordered to carry out, but it is a fact that many Buddhists are engaged in helping their Government during the hostilities in various ways.

It is recalled in the report that Abbot Yuan Ying, the resigned director of the association, was kidnapped from the Hart Road temple last winter and sent to Nanking for questioning. He was later released It was then reported that he had been kidnapped because some people wanted him to head a Buddhist organization in occupied districts.

Girl Gliders Graduate In Shanghai

Twenty Chinese and Japanese women glider pilots of the East Asia Girl-Students' Aviation League were recipients of diplomas from the organization on Sunday, the "Shanghai Mainichi" said yesterday.

Following a glider tournament, the girls descended from the sky to take part in graduation ceremonies which were attended by Lieut. Yasuzo Yamanouchi, who established the league last November. Rear-Admiral Masaharu Takeda, Commander of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party, congratulated the recipients of the diplomas.

China Trade Act Case Resumed

Counsel for A. A. U. Ends Argument; Act Designed To Facilitate U.S. Trade

Mr. George Richardson, counsel for the American Asiatic Underwriters in their case against Miss A. Viola Smith, China Trade Act Registrar, in which the A. A. U. are seeking a declaratory judgment on certain clauses of the China Trade Act relating to the holding of shares in insurance companies, concluded his argument in chief before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday.

During his argument yesterday Mr. Richardson said that the ownership of shares in subsidiary insurance companies does not require the parent corporation to take out a license to do business as an insurance company and the ownership of all or the majority of the stock in a subsidiary company does not constitute doing a business. Quoting Justice Feetham's report, counsel said that there were 196 insurance companies carrying on business in Shanghai. Investments in insurance companies, said Mr. Richardson, were above the average, if not the safest investments in China.

The history of American trade in Shanghai was full of ups and downs, he continued, due to wars and fluctuation of exchange. China Trade Act Companies should not be restricted in their investments and should not have to put all their eggs in one basket, but should be given an opportunity to spread.

Investment Business

The question involved, said Mr. Richardson, was not the business of the subsidiary companies but the investment business of the parent company. Quoting "American Investments in China," he said that the China Trade Act was designed as a direct encouragement to American investment and the Act was a stimulus to American corporations investing in China. The Act is useful in promoting American trade with China, he continued, and in developing the Act, the United States were only following in the footsteps of Great Britain, who had long experience in overseas trade.

Another feature of the China Trade Act was that it facilitated American trade in China in competition with other nations. When the Act was passed Congress bore in mind the fact that American companies would have to compete with companies of other nationalities and nowhere has there been any discussion regarding the prevention of companies engaging in the insurance business. It was not to be supposed, said Mr. Richardson, that when Congress adopted the corporation law they meant Section 4 (c) of the China Trade Act to prohibit the holding of insurance shares or Section 4 (a) to prohibit holding shares is companies doing business outside of China. If that had been the case they would have said so in simple language.

British Privileges

These privileges were enjoyed by British companies, counsel continued, and also, he believed, by French companies. It did not seem reasonable that Congress would restrict holding companies in China when they could be doing such business under the laws of Delaware. The China Trade Act was a better law to do business under in Shanghai than corporation laws in the United States.

In conclusion Mr. Richardson asked that he be given some time for rebuttal after counsel for the respondent had finished his argument, whereupon Mr. Leighton Shields, attorney for Miss Smith, said that he did not want to be in Court to listen to it. "Counsel has had 15 hours of argument in chief by the clock," said Mr. Shields, "and if a man can't express himself on law in 15 hours, something must be the matter."

The hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today when Mr. Shields will commence his argument.

FOOD PROBLEM WITH GASTRITIS

For years, doctors wanted to find a food that would not irritate the inflamed stomach walls of patients suffering from gastritis and that at the same time would rebuild the patient's strength. In severe cases of gastritis solid foods are out of the question, even liquid foods are often vomited. Yet the patient needs quick new strength to rebuild his exhausted body. In Horlicks, doctors and nurses have found an ideal food.

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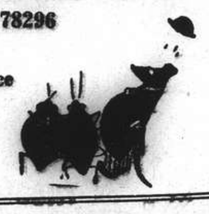

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/32d.	$ 58.63
U.S. $100 @ 6	$1,666.67
Francs 301	$100
Yen 25 1/2	100
Guilds 11 1/8	100
Rupees 22 3/4	100
Pesos 12	100
Hongkong $27 1/2	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/32d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6 1/16	$1,616.16
London—demand, $1=	4 1/32d.
4 months' sight credits	4 1/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 1/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 3/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$6 1/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$6 1/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$6 1/16

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 1/32d. U.S. $5 31/32
Hongkong/London 1/2 1/16

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei wah $1,000.00 C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 11 3/4
Java Guilders	" 11 5/8
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 11 7/8
Java Guilders	" 11 1/4

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Belgas 0.35 1/2=$1 Belgas 21.00=£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.18=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.26 3/4=$1
Tourist Lire 1.42 =$1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d	per H.H.$ 1
" Buying " @ 6 1/32"	" H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling " @ 8 3/4	" H.H.$100
" Buying " @ 9 1/16	" H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 144	per H.H.$100
buying @ 149	" H.H.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing	$2,708
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar	$4.035

*—Nominal.

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4 1/8	Lowest 4 1/8	
U.S. G.$	6 1/16	5 3/4	
Yen	—	—	

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	BUYING April
£ T.T.	4 1/32	4 m/s. l.c. 4 1/16
G.$ T.T.	5 1/8	4 m/s. l.c. 6 1/16
Fcs. T.T.	302	4 m/s. 315
Rs. T.T.	22 7/8	15 d/s. 23 3/8

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.52 7/8
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	347 1/4
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	350

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 3/32 sterling and 6.- U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 1/8 sterling and 6 1/16 U.S.$. and remained on this level for the earlier part of the morning. Later dollars gave way both for cash and forward, in the afternoon there being extreme weakness for forward delivery.

There was a slight recovery towards the close buy the undertone remained uncertain. Nominal closing rates:—

4 1/8	Sterling	5 31/32	U.S.$. Cash
4 1/8	"	5 31/32	" Apr.
3 31/32	"	5 31/32	" May

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$45.00
Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash	$1,410
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	220
Wheat .... per picul (50 kilos)	$21.00
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)	13.50
Flour, export . per bag (49lb.)	14.50
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5,200
" " 20/22	4,700
" " 20/22 78%	4,800

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 15	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.165	.17
Antamok	.13 S	.13 S
Baguio Gold	.20	.20
Batong Buhay	.010 S	.010 S
Benguet Consolidated	5.30*	—
Big Wedge	.175	.18
Coco Grove	.0875	.0875
Consolidated Mines	.003 S	.003 S
Demonstration	.095 S	.095 S
East Mindanao	.095	.0975 S
I. X. L.	.32	.32
Ipo Gold	.0975	.095
Itogon	.22 S	.22 S
Masbate Consolidated	.09	.09
Mine Operations	.09 S	.09 S
North Camarines	.047	.047
Paracale Gumaus	.175 S	.175 S
San Mauricio	.66	.66 S
Surigao Consolidated	.185	.185
Suyoc	.125	.13 S
Syndicate Investment	.017	.017
United Paracale	.235	.235 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0925 S	.0925 S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 20,200 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 66.00 —Reuter.

Reichsbank Report

Berlin, Apr. 15.

The Reichsbank report for the fiscal year 1939 disclosed yesterday that deposits of securities and checks increased 3,476,000,000 marks over 1938, bringing the total for 1939 to 12,619,000,000 marks.

Note circulation in 1939 increased 3,575,000,000 marks, bringing the total to 11,798,000,000 marks, the report said.

Circulation of all kinds of money was said to have increased to 14,502,000,000 marks, a gain of 4,114,000,000 marks.—United Press.

Silver Quotations

London, Apr. 15.

Slightly lower prices for silver were fixed in London today, with quotations being:

London spot	20 7/8d.	20 3/4d.
" forward	20 3/4d.	20 11/16d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York	U.S.$4.0350	59.478d.
New York/London	3.52%	68.01d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The Stock Exchange began the week in a most cheerful manner. Due to an accumulation of overnight orders, business was very active at the opening auction and interest was well spread over the industrial group, particularly in Dockyards, Metals, and Ewos. The holding companies were also in demand, although not so actively dealt in. Throughout the day, interest continued undiminished and prices steadily improved, gathering momentum until the close, when the best levels of the day were registered.

New highs were recorded in I. I. Trust at 27 3/4, Loans at 29 1/2, Dockyards at 48, Wheelocks at 160 and Ewos at 55 1/2.

The rubber group was neglected, despite the weaker exchange, and prices gave way somewhat as investors switched their holdings to the industrial section.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
359.91	109.32	General	342.81	+14.40
475.35	95.55	Rubbers	375.84	—15.60

Total 565,910 shares, 2,378 bonds.

Business Done

Telephone 6% Debs.			30000	*96.00
Telephone 6% Taels Debts.			30000	*96.00
S.M.C. 5% Debts.			10000	77.00
20000	77.00			
S'hai Land 5% Debs.			12500	76.00
Power 5 1/2% Debs.			25000	88.00
53,000	87.75			
†57000	87.75			
I.I. Trust		1500	27.50	1500 27.25
1000	*27.50	25000	*27.25	1000 27.50
7000	27.50	1000	*27.25	1000 27.25
9500	27.00	1000	*27.00	2000 26.75
10000	27.00			
†8000	27.00	1000	*27.25	1000 27.25
1000	27.00	5500	27.25	1500 *27.50
500	*27.25	3000	*27.50	500 27.50
500	*27.75	1000	27.75	
S'hai Loan		1500	29.50	4000 *29.25
500	*29.50	1000	29.25	1500 29.00
500	*29.25	2500	29.25	1500 *29.00
500	29.00	500	29.25	
†500	*28.75	500	*29.00	1500 29.00
1000	29.25	500	*29.50	500 29.50
Yangtsze Finance		500	18.40	500 18.50
1500	*18.60	8000	18.60	500 *18.50
2500	18.70	3000	18.60	1000 *18.70
500	*18.80	1000	*18.70	1500 18.60
500	*18.60	500	18.70	1500 18.60
4500	18.50	1000	*18.60	4500 18.40
500	*18.40	6000	18.30	1000 18.40
1000	18.30			
†1000	18.30	2000	18.40	9000 18.50
500	18.60			
S'hai Securities				8000 6.00
†500	*5.95	500	5.95	1000 6.00
Int. Assurance		500	13.20	2500 13.50
†1000	14.00	500	14.10	1000 14.00
China Realty		1500	8.50	1000 8.45
4000	8.40	1500	8.30	1000 8.35
500	*8.40	3500	8.40	2500 8.45
1500	8.50	4000	8.40	1000 *8.50
500	8.45	500	*8.50	1500 8.45
†500	8.45	500	8.40	3500 8.45
500	*8.45	500	*8.50	2000 8.45
1000	*8.45	500	8.50	500 8.40
2500	8.45			
S'hai Land		1000	*14.50	500 14.60
500	*14.70	3500	14.60	600 *14.70
500	*14.60	3500	14.60	
†1500	*14.80	3000	14.60	
Dockyards		100	46.00	100 45.75
800	*45.75	5300	45.50	1000 *45.50
1000	45.25	800	*45.25	200 *45.50
3900	45.00	1100	*45.00	2500 45.25
800	45.50	800	46.00	600 *46.25
300	46.00	800	45.75	400 45.50
900	*45.50	200	45.75	200 45.25
500	*45.25	3900	45.75	800 45.50
300	45.50	500	*45.75	2300 46.00
3700	45.75	2200	46.00	200 *45.75
200	*46.00	200	45.75	400 *45.75
300	46.00	1500	45.75	200 *6.00
300	45.50	4300	45.75	800 *45.75
2500	46.00	800	*46.00	2000 45.75
200	*45.75	200	45.50	1100 *45.50
†200	*45.25	800	45.75	200 *45.50
800	45.75	300	*46.00	1600 45.75
800	*45.75	4500	46.00	500 *46.00
1600	46.25	100	46.00	1100 46.25
900	46.50	400	46.75	500 *47.00
2400	47.00	500	46.75	300 47.00
400	46.75	100	*46.75	600 47.00
500	46.75	300	47.00	200 46.75
1500	47.00	800	47.25	200 *47.00
1000	47.25	200	47.75	200 47.50
1000	*47.50	300	47.75	200 48.00
Wheelock		200	147.50	100 148.00
1000	*148.00	800	*147.50	200 *148.00
400	148.00	100	149.00	100 *149.00
200	*150.00	100	*149.50	900 149.00
500	150.00			
†100	153.00	100	*152.00	100 153.00
100	153.50	800	155.00	100 *155.00
100	158.00	200	159.00	200 160.00
C. G. Omnibus		900	33.75	200 *34.00
300	34.00	300	33.75	100 *33.75
400	33.00	400	32.00	1200 32.50
200	*32.50	300	32.25	100 *32.25
400	32.00	900	32.25	200 32.50
100	32.25			
†600	32.00	200	*32.00	200 *31.75
300	31.75			
S'hai Gas		100	22.00	100 *21.75
100	21.75	200	22.00	100 22.50
200	22.75	1500	23.00	
†700	23.00			
Telephone		200	30.75	700 *31.00
200	*31.00	100	31.25	1000 31.00
800	*31.00	500	31.25	
†100	*31.25	400	31.25	100 31.00
300	31.25	300	31.50	
Tram (Bearer)	£1			100 55.50
100	*56.00	400	55.50	200 56.00
†100	*55.50	400	56.00	100 55.50
200	56.00			
Metal		400	32.75	3100 *32.75
200	32.50	4400	32.25	100 *32.25
700	*32.00	1500	32.00	700 32.50
1000	32.25	600	*32.25	400 32.50
100	*32.50	1200	*32.25	2100 32.25
400	32.50	100	*32.00	1100 32.50
800	*32.25	3400	32.25	300 32.50
100	*32.50	1200	32.25	
†200	32.25	200	32.25	2100 32.00
100	32.25	100	*32.00	300 *32.25
600	32.25	100	32.00	200 *32.00
600	32.25	100	32.50	700 *32.50
200	32.25	500	32.50	100 *32.75
400	32.75	900	33.00	200 32.75
900	33.00	100	33.50	
Lumber		100	57.50	500 *58.50
100	58.50	100	58.00	300 58.50
100	*58.50	700	58.00	
†700	58.00			
S.W.W. "A"	£02			10 1,130.00
Kaiping		†100	59.00	100 *59.00
Exploration		500	22.75	500 22.50
500	*22.50	21000	22.00	1500 *22.00
6000	22.25	500	*22.25	2500 *22.00
10500	22.00	1000	*21.75	500 *22.00
1000	*22.25	1000	22.25	5500 22.00
†500	*22.00	1000	22.25	3000 22.00
2500	22.00	500	21.57	1000 *22.00
1000	21.75	3000	22.00	
Power (Pref)				50 131.00
†50	131.00			
Ewo Mills (Ord)				1000 51.50
1600	*51.50	2000	51.00	500 *51.00
1200	51.50	500	52.00	200 *51.50
3400	52.00	300	52.50	200 *52.00
600	52.50	300	*52.50	1600 53.00
600	52.50	600	52.00	100 *52.00
100	52.50	200	52.00	900 52.50
600	*52.50	800	53.00	500 *53.00
100	*52.50	2000	52.50	2000 53.00
300	53.50	100	*53.00	200 53.50
500	54.00	900	53.50	200 *53.50
4000	53.00	400	*53.00	
†2000	*53.50	200	53.50	600 53.00
1100	53.50	400	53.00	100 53.50
400	53.00	100	53.50	2900 54.00
500	*54.50	600	54.50	500 55.00
900	54.50	1600	55.00	300 55.50
600	55.00	400	55.50	900 56.00
600	*55.50	200	*56.00	2100 56.00
900	55.50	1000	55.00	
China Finance				1000 2.00
†1000	1.92			
S'hai Cotton				100 200.00
†1000	*210.00	50	210.00	
Alma		200	54.00	100 *54.50
Anglo Dutch		700	24.50	200 24.75
200	*24.75			
†1000	25.00	200	*25.00	
Anglo Java		200	45.00	500 44.50
200	45.00	300	44.75	
†200	*45.25	600	*45.00	700 45.00
100	*45.25	100	45.00	200 44.75
100	45.00			
Batu Anam		3000	2.00	2000 *2.00
†1000	2.02 1/2	2000	2.05	
Cheng		1000	1.20	1000 *1.16
1000	1.16	2000	1.14	1000 1.16
†7000	1.16			
Consolidated		500	*10.90	1000 10.80
15000	*10.50	500	10.50	2000 10.80
1000	*10.80			
†500	10.80	500	10.90	
Java Consolidated				1000 *6.00
Kroewoek		1000	3.60	1000 3.47 1/2
1000	*3.45	1000	3.50	
†1000	5.90			
†2000	3.47 1/2	2000	3.50	3000 3.47 1/2
Langkat		300	33.50	200 33.00
400	33.25	100	32.75	100 *32.50
100	33.00	100	32.75	500 *32.50
1200	32.25	900	32.00	1200 32.25
200	32.50	100	*32.25	500 32.50
500	32.75	100	*33.00	500 32.50
†700	32.50	100	*32.50	200 32.75
600	32.50	200	*32.50	1200 32.25
200	32.50	100	32.25	
Repah		†2000	2.05	2000 2.07 1/2
3000	2.05			
Rubber Trust		500	12.60	3000 12.50
500	*12.50	1500	12.60	
†500	*12.50	1500	12.50	500 12.60
Semambu		1000	2.15	1000 ‡2.15
‡4000	2.15			
Senawang		1000	2.75	2000 2.70
1000	2.75			
†1000	2.60	1000	2.65	
Kedah				500 14.80
Kelantan		1000	1.32	8000 1.28
1000	1.30			
†1000	1.30			
Tanah Merah		5000	4.60	3000 4.50
2000	4.55	1000	*4.50	1000 4.50
2000	4.55			
†1000	4.50	2000	4.55	2000 4.60
Tebong		3000	*2.15	3000 2.10
1000	2.12 1/2	5000	2.10	4000 2.12 1/2
5000	2.15			
†1000	*2.15	1000	2.10	3000 2.12 1/2
Ziangbe		100	*35.00	600 34.00
†300	34.00			
H. & S. Bank			†20	*Hk.$1,505.00

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S.M.C. 5% Debs				300	*77.00
S'hai Securities	100	6.10		50	5.95
†450	5.90				
Yangtsze Finance	100	18.10		100	18.60
†200	18.30				
Exploration	200	*22.50		220	21.75
200	22.50				
†200	*21.50	200	21.50		
Langkat				5	32.00
†30	32.00				
S'hai Loan				5	28.75
†30	28.50				
I. I. Trust	100	27.00		300	26.75
100	27.75	200	*27.25		
China Realty	100	8.40		200	8.40
100	8.35	122	8.35		
†50	8.35	200	8.35		
Ewo Mills (Ord)				50	52.00
Dockyards				40	45.50
†25	*45.75	50	*45.75		
S'hai Gas				15	23.50
Rubber Trust				†200	12.40
Kroewoek				†80	3.42 1/2
Alma				†10	53.50

*—Direct Business
†—Afternoon Business
‡—Cash

S'hai-Malay R. E., Ltd. To Declare Dividend

At a board meeting of the Shanghai-malay Rubber Estated Ltd., held yesterday, the directors decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting which is to be held on April 29, that the balance of Ch. $237,136.04 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—

	Ch.$
To pay the preference shares interest for the second half of 1939	15,317.48
pay a final dividend of Ch.$2.50 per share on both the preference and ordinary shares making a total of Ch.$3.00 per share for the year	143,450.00
pay the general managers commission	4,055.50
write off sundry assets	51,869.71
make various donations	4,000.00
carry forward	18,443.35
	Ch.$237,136.04

Shanghai Kelantan Rubber Estates Dividend

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Shanghai Kelantan Rubber Estates (1925), Ltd. it was decided to recommend payment of a final dividend of four cents per share for the year 1939.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Apr. 15.

Kogo 5% Y.106.80

—Reuter.

Java Consolidated Meeting

Profit of F.68,224.64 for Year Shown; Final Dividend of 20 Cents Per Share Declared

A PROFIT F.68,224.64 for the year was shown by the Java company, as compared with F. 30,299.01 in 1938. This increase was due to the fact that although the rubber output was smaller, the average selling price was higher, said the chairman at the 30th annual general meeting of the Java Consolidated Rubber & Coffee Estates, Ltd., held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, presided, supported by Messrs. R. N. Swann, H. Kadoorie, directors, and Mr. W. A. Welch, representing J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., secretaries and general managers. Shares present and represented were 107,510.

The working account of the Java company shows a profit of F68,224.64 as compared with a profit last year of F30,299.01. This increased profit is due to the fact that, although the output of rubber was 89,223 lbs. smaller, the average selling price was 8.02 Guilder cents per pound higher.

After deducting F9,000.00 for the agency fee paid to the Shanghai company and providing F645.00 for audit, legal and tax adviser's fees, the profit and loss account shows a credit balance of F58,654.85 which added to the balance brought forward from last year has been dealt with as set forth in the directors' report.

Java Balance Sheet

As regards the balance sheet of the Java company the expenditure on capital account was rather heavy during the year, a total sum of F22,018.23 having been spent. Of this amount F8,588.06 were spent on three houses for Mandoers, 8 coolie houses, a rubber factory and a godown. A further F341.20 were spent on furniture and F280.15 on tools and implements.

During the current year the estimates call for a total expenditure of F29,600.00 on capital account, the bulk of which will be for the upkeep of the immature rubber areas, the purchase and installation of a new engine and crepeing battery and the erection of 10 coolie houses.

Rebuilding Programme

I told you last year that this rebuilding programme had been rendered necessary by the fact that very little new building had been done on either of the estates since they were first acquired in 1910 and the damage done by the effluxion of time and repeated earthquake shocks had brought them to a stage where replacement was at last essential. Furthermore, the Government regulations now all for coolie lines of a more permanent type than was formerly the case.

The expenditure on new machinery and the modernisation of the rubber factories will, it is hoped, be repaid in a few years time by the saving on the cost of manufacture.

As far as can be computed, before the figures have been finally approved of by the Government authorities, there is no liability for either the company tax or for the newly imposed war tax over the accounts for 1939.

Planting

Turning now to planting matters and dealing with those on Soember Mas Estate first, an area of 215 acres was cleared and will be planted with Rubber during the current year. The material used will be partly approved clonal seedlings and partly budgrafts. Both stripey canker and abnormal leaf fall, caused by Oidium, were somewhat troublesome during the year but, apart from these, little trouble was caused by other pests or diseases.

The weeding of the gardens is completely up to date and they are under a thick cover of nitrogenous green growths. The young plants are making satisfactory progress and the whole plantation is in good condition.

Kali Padang Estate

As regards Kali Padang Estate both stripey canker and Oidium leaf fall were prevalent, but other diseases gave no trouble. The estate generally is under a cover of leguminous plants and free from harmful or troublesome growths.

The supply of labour was, at times, insufficient owing to competition for pluckers from the coffee estates in the neighbourhood.

A certain number of the buildings will need to be replaced during the next few years but endeavours will be made to so arrange the work that it will not form too heavy a charge on the resources of the company in any one year. The factory will be remodelled and modernised during the current year which should result in improving the quality of our product and reducing the cost of Manufacture.

Speaking generally the estate is in first class condition and capable of producing considerably more rubber than is permitted by the present export quota.

From the accounts of the Shanghai company you will have seen that the interest earned and the transfer fees received went a long way towards paying the whole Shanghai expenditure.

Liquid Assets

On December 31, 1939 the liquid assets of the Java and Shanghai companies combined exceeded the cash liabilities by Ch.$ 442,407.42 and, if you pass the dividend now recommended, the companies will start the new year with a combined surplus of liquid assets amounting to Ch.$287,107.42.

During the year your directors decided that in view of the uncertainty regarding the future trend of the value of the Chinese Dollar the prudent thing to do was to dispose of our local investments and to convert any surplus that was not required for the payment of the interim dividends into United States currency. A similar procedure was adopted with any surplus funds that accumulated in Java and you will see from the balance sheet that on December 31, 1939 the company had the sum of U.S. Dollars 7,439.78 at the Bank. The Chinese Dollar equivalent of this sum at today's rate of exchange is approximately Ch.$124,000.00 or Ch.$28,771.00 in excess of the figure shown in the balance sheet.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to express our best thanks to the two managers, their staffs, the visiting agent and the agents in Java for the very satisfactory manner in which they have administered the Estates during the period under review.

There is just one last point that I should like to take this opportunity of touching upon, although it does not directly affect the affairs of this company, and that is that there seems to be a fairly general impression amongst the investing public that this year my firm is very much behindhand in presenting the annual accounts of the various companies in our agency.

That this is not really the case however, is shown by the following figures of the number of meetings held before the end of April by companies under our management.

In 1936 we had held 8 meetings.
In 1937 we had held 10 meetings.
In 1938 we had held 10 meetings.
In 1939 we had held 9 meetings.

and this year we will have held 8 meetings before the end of this month. This number would have been appreciably larger had we not been held back by the unavoidable delay in the receipt of certain essential documents from the Straits and Java. In some cases we still cannot prepare the final accounts either through the non-receipt of the audited accounts or of the manager's annual reports.

The responsibility for this delay does not lie with the agents in the south as we are in receipt of advice that they were posted in good time, but owing to the exigencies of the European war the number of ships available for the carrying of mails is temporarily very much reduced.

I can assure you that no avoidable delay occurs at this end but, owing to the enormous number of transfers of shares that is taking place and the clerical work involved thereby there is a limit to the number of meetings that we can hold in any given time.

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31 1939, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. R N. Swann.

That a final dividend of twenty Chinese dollar cents per share be paid, making a total of thirty cents per share for the year. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That a donation of Ch.$1,500.00 be made to the Central British War Fund. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That a donation of Ch.$300.00 be made to the British Residents Association. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That a donation of Ch.$500.00 be made to the British Forces Recreation Centres. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That Mr. R. N. Swann be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. Woo Chi Ming and Seconded by Mr. Dong Mai Kwun.

That Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year and that their fee for auditing the accounts for 1939 be Ch.$470.00. Proposed by Mr. Dong Mai Kwun and Seconded by Mr. Chiung Shun Hwai.

Repah Rubber & T.E. Ld. Dividend Recommended

At a board meeting of the Repah Rubber & Tapioca Estates Ltd., held the directors decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held on April 29, that the balance of Ch. $191,829.96 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—

	Ch.$
To pay a dividend of 11 Chinese dollar cents per share	148,500.00
pay the general managers commission	2,970.00
write off certain assets	29,496.37
make sundry donations	2,500.00
carry forward	8,363.59
	Ch.$191,829.96

U.S. Increases Exports To Far East

Washington, Apr. 11.

The United States exported three-and-a-half times as much goods to China in January, 1940 as it did in January 1939, according to figures released by the Department of Commerce.

American exporters sent G.$8,035,000 worth of goods to China as compared to G.$2,354,000 a year ago. Exports to the Philippines were G.$9,058,000 as compared to G$6,373,000. To Japan they totalled G.$28,247,000 as compared to G.$17,692,000. This last-named increase was believed attributable to heavy orders placed for January shipment as a safeguard against the punitive measures which many feared would be imposed on Japanese trade after the expiration of the trade treaty.—Havas.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Apr. 10.

Crude oil production in the United States for the week ended April 6 averaged 3,745,000 barrels per day, according to the Petroleum Institute of New York. This represents a decline of an average of 96,000 barrels daily compared with last week's output figures, but shows an increase of 301,000 barrels per day compared with the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

Bank of Japan Gold Reserves

Osaka, Apr. 12.

The gold reserves of the Bank of Japan yesterday totalled Y.501,287,000 same as on Thursday last week and on April 13, last year.—Reuter.

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Apr. 13.

The Bombay cotton market during the week under review was perplexed by implications from the war front, with its broadened blockade area. While it is acknowledged that large Scandinavian tonnage in world waters might now be accessible to the Allies, confirmation of this would be a comfort.

Last week's recession of prices resulted conservatively in 75,000 bales being booked for export, of which two-thirds were for China.

The decline in prices has placed Bombay on a very favourable parity, in addition to which, there is the further attraction of paying with "free" sterling for several important consuming centres outside the sterling bloc.

The feeling is growing that on further recessions the current crop of cotton is cheap and worth buying, as the statistical position is becoming increasingly impressive.—Reuter.

Brokers' Loans by F.R.S.

New York, Apr. 11.

Loans on security to brokers in New York by the reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended April 10, totalled $489,000,000, showing an increase of $8,000,000 over the preceding week.

Loans to brokers during the corresponding period of last year amounted to $541,000,000, or $52,000,000 more than the amount recorded during the period under review.—Reuter.

Canadian Wheat Stock Estimate

Ottawa, Apr. 12.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Agricultural Branch, today issued the following estimate of the Stock of Wheat, of 1939 growth, in Canada, with comparisons:—

Stocks of Wheat on Hand 1937: 84,161,000; 1938: 200,842,000; 1939: 371,975,000 bushels.—Reuter.

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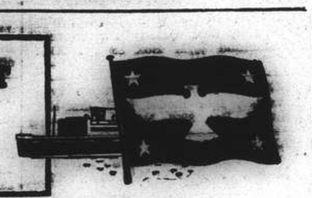

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	Arrival	Departure
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 15	Apr. 16 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 18	Apr. 19 at 11 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Apr. 22	Apr. 23 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 25	Apr. 26 at 11 a.m.
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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due 2-3 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From SOURABAYA		
India	29/2	6/5	Tjibadak	5/4	22/4
From TRIESTE			Tjitjalengka	12/4	29/4
Volpi	27/2	25/4			
Carignano	25/2	26/4	**From BATAVIA**		
Cortellazzo	20/3	9/5	Tjitjalengka	16/4	29/4
Conte Rosso	12/4	9/5			
From BRINDISI			**From MANILA**		
Conte Rosso	13/4	9/5	Tjibadak	14/4	22/4
From COLOMBO			**From HONGKONG**		
Volpi	2/4	25/4	See "China Ports" below		
Carignano	3/4	26/4			

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From HONOLULU		
Dona Aniceta	—	17/4	Pres. Coolidge	10/4	23/4
Memphis City	—	20/4			
Titania	14/3	21/4	**From YOKOHAMA**		
Sagoland	—	30/4	Tatuta Maru	11/4	21/4
From LOS ANGELES			**From KOBE**		
Tatuta M.	25/3	21/4	Kashima Maru	19/4	21/4
Pres. Coolidge	1/4	23/4	Taiyo Maru	3/5	5/5
From SEATTLE			**From NAGASAKI**		
West Cuseta	18/3	20/4	Nagasaki M.	17/4	18/4
Crown City	30/3	28/4			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From SINGAPORE		
Tegelberg	13/3	20/4	Tegelberg	13/4	20/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Dairen Maru	16/4	18/4

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON		**For NEW YORK**	
Delagoa Maru	20/4	Dona Aniceta	19/4
Durban Maru	1/5	Titania	22/4
For LIVERPOOL		Kinai Maru	7/5
Hakone Maru	22/5	**For SAN FRANCISCO**	
For TRIESTE		Tatuta Maru	29/4
Volpi	26/4	**For SEATTLE**	
Carignano	27/4	West Cuseta	21/4
Cortellazzo	10/5	Crown City	29/4
Conte Rosso	12/5	**For BUENOS AIRES**	
For BOMBAY		Yasukuni Maru	20/4
Anyo Maru	25/4	Kanto Maru	26/4
Matue Maru	5/5	**For KOBE**	
For CAPETOWN		Hakone Maru	23/4
Tegelberg	22/4	Taiyo Maru	8/5
For JAVA		**For NAGASAKI**	
Tjibadak	25/4	Shanghai Maru	17/4
Tjitjalengka	2/5	Nagasaki Maru	19/4
For HONGKONG		**For DAIREN**	
Tatuta Maru	22/4	Tsingtao Maru	16/4
For MANILA		Dairen Maru	19/4
Pres. Harrison	18/4	Hoten Maru	23/4
Pres. Coolidge	28/4	Dairen Maru	26/4
Nitta Maru	1/5	Hoten Maru	30/4
		Dairen Maru	3/5

VESSELS DISCHARGING

MUNCASTER CASTLE. The m.s. Muncaster Castle, from New York via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns is to be borne by Consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen (15) days after vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf on April 20, at 9 a.m., when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will be in attendance. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11369. 15-4

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AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA

KANTO M. Apr. 23. COLOMBO, MOMBASA ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM BEIRA, LOURENCO, MARQUES DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH, CAPE TOWN and BUENOS AIRES.—O. S. K. Line. Tel. 15324. 23-4

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

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KASIMA MARU	—		Apr. 25 at 3 p.m. (Wayside Wharf)
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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Prominent	C'wangtao	H.G.&R.
Meinan	Ningpo	S.V.O.C.
Elbhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
Kensyo M.	Japan	M.B.K.
Myoken M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Morioko M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Wanshan M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Hungyun	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Tembien	Ningpo	C.I.N.
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Fooshing	Hsinkong	C.C.T.H.
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Whatung	T'senkong	Quen Kee
Hsuchow	Tientsin	T.K.K.
Lipari	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
M'caster Castle	New York	Dodwell
Murasaki M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Unkai M. 2	Tsingtao	T.K.K.
Bahrein	San Francisco	Texas

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Lipari	Ital.	C.F.P.K.
Yasukawa M.	Jap.	Showa S.
Sanko M.	Jap.	M.B.K.
Konzan M.	Jap.	Showa S.
Fooshing	Chi.	C.C.T.H.
U.S.S. Guam	Am.	—
U.S.S. Luzon	Am.	—
Pres. Cleveland	Am.	A.P.L.
Hunglee	Jap.	T.K.K.
Ondo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Avemaria	Port.	C.F.P.K.
Haruna M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Nagato M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Canopus	Am.	Sub.	31-32 B.
Nos. 143, 145 and 142	Am.	Sub.	30-30a B.
Nos. 144, 146 and 141	Am.	Sub.	31-32 B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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Sweden Invasion Contemplated

Seen as Objective of German Movements; Danes Not Resigned to Fate

Brussels, Apr. 14.

The main object of the German troops concentrating in Denmark since April 9 is an expedition against Sweden, competent circles here declare. The German high command, the same quarters continue, is now merely elaborating its plans, since the Swedish determination to fight, coupled with their undisputed fighting ability and modern equipment offers a definite hazard not to be taken too lightly.

Meanwhile, reports from Denmark indicate that the Danish population is far from resigned to the German occupation, which in many respects resembles the regime established in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate, formerly Czechoslovakia, although the German troops have received definite orders to avoid any unnecessary brutality.

German authorities have confiscated all banking accounts belonging to foreigners, and special cards are required to purchase many food products. It is expected that the food situation may soon become critical, as Denmark no longer receives the raw materials necessary for agricultural production.—Havas.

Plot to Seize Sweden

Paris, Apr. 14.

Discovery of a plot to seize the vital points of Sweden, and thus neutralize her defence, had the Swedish government waiting tensely on the nights of April 11 and 12 for a Nazi act of force, well-informed circles revealed.

All Swedish groups of Hitlerian inspiration had been ordered to undermine the country's defence system by carefully-planned co-ordinated raids, but police measures, taken immediately after learning of the plot, foiled the attempt.

It was to this plot that Swedish Premier Hansson was alluding when he declared on April 12, "We must keep close watch on agents suspected of working here on behalf of a foreign power.

French Diplomats Return

The French Minister to Denmark, A.G.A. Bonnefoy-Sibour, accompanied by the French colony of about 150 persons, arrived in Paris this evening. They were met at the station by a personal representative of Premier Reynaud while a huge crowd surged round the train.

Meanwhile, it has been learned that the remainder of the British, French and Polish diplomatic corps have now left Copenhagen, but a number of nationals of all three countries had to remain behind, including newspaper correspondents.

The Danish Foreign Ministry did everything to facilitate the departure of the British, French and Polish residents, but the Polish diplomats were allowed to leave only when their British and French colleagues declared that they would not leave without them.—Havas.

Konoye Confers with Gen. Abe on Train

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Prince Ayamaro Konoye, president of the Privy Council and author of the three-point formula for a readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations bearing his name, conferred for 20 minutes with Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, former Premier and Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Nanking, this morning on the Express Tsubame.

Gen. Abe and his staff left Tokyo this morning being seen off at the Station by a large crowd of well wishers including Gen. Shunroku Hata, Minister of War, Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida, Minister of the Navy, the ether lanes across the Pacific and other members of the Cabinet.—Domei.

S.M.C. Elections Startle Gaimusho

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

"I am startled at the result of the election to the Shanghai Municipal Council," stated the Foreign Office Spokesman today, when questioned about the outcome of the election in the International Settlement of Shanghai on April 10 and 11, according to a Japanese report.

A series of surprises, he pointed out, occurred during the election, including a reported sudden increase in the number of votes in some sections of the Settlement on the eve of the election.—Reuter.

Dutch Uneasiness Increased

Troops with Machineguns Patrol Streets; German Press Campaign Renewed

Amsterdam, Apr. 15.

Dutch uneasiness has intensified by the sensational empahsis laid by the Nazi press on a suggestion by an American newspaper that British troops might be en route to Holland, and also by a German news agency message accusing the Dutch press of lying about the torpedoing of the Ardendskerk.

Troops with fixed bayonets and machine-guns are patrolling the streets of The Hague and other Dutch cities after dark, while a notice has appeared in frontier districts warning the population to stay home after 8 p.m., and that their telephone will be cut off at night and their roads blocked.

The British success at Narvik has made a deep impression on the Dutch people, who had to begun to feel that the Allies might wait too long before acting in Scandinavia. The news is prominently published in all newspapers.—Reuter.

London Refutes New Rumours

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 15.

"Few people can have any illusions about where the real danger to Holland lies," state authoritative circles in London in replying to fresh German allegations that the Allies are planning to violate Holland's neutrality, based on a report by a columnist in an American evening newspaper suggesting the possibility of a British landing on the Dutch coast It is added that "these German stories are pure inventions of the most absurd character, which will not be believed anywhere outside the Third Reich."

"It is British soberness which appeals to us Netherlanders and arouses confidence," declares the "Het Volk," organ of the Dutch Social Democratic Labour Party in Amsterdam, in commenting on the naval statement last week of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill. The newspaper, which is published in Amsterdam and whose comment is reproduced today in a special commentary issued here, agrees with Mr. Churchill's conviction that Herr Hitler committed a strategical error.

The "Algemeen Handelsblad," Liberal Dutch organ, says "it looks as if the growing persistence of Norway might be a danger to Germans, who may be cut off."—Reuter.

European War Photos Radioed from U.S.

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

Five European war pictures rode today as the San Francisco-Tokyo radiophoto service was opened to the public at 9 a.m.

These photgraphs, originating from Berlin and London, were transmitted by radio or by cable from Europe to the United States, where they crossed the continent by the usual telephoto process.—Domei.

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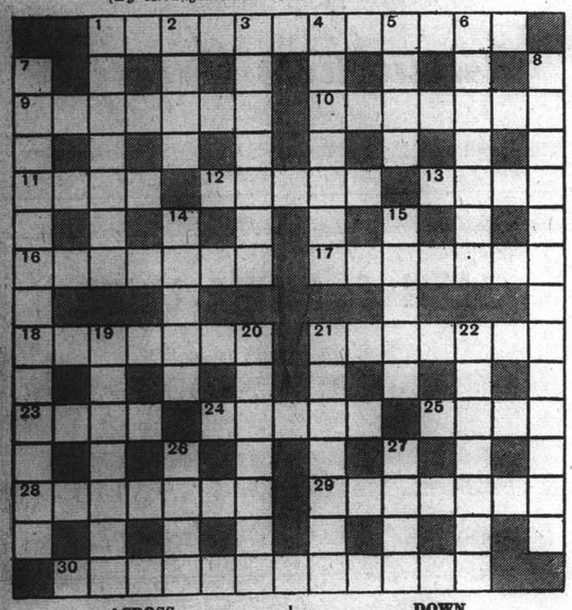

ACROSS

1 Hitler claimed it but it's mine (two words)
9 Hardly polite, and mostly a vehicle number
10 We fight to found a world this (two words)
11 Reverse 23 across
12 A spinning machine, in a way
13 When he's gone his case is hopeless
16 Change it to red and find it in the U.S.A.
17 It's a snare, but it won't catch you
18 To be able to this a 26 down might be useful to a hunter
21 Someone 6 down?
23 You may have seen a film on it
24 Something of foreign metal that may be accepted
25 Condition to disappear
28 Reversing it in no drink gives good spirits
29 Town of U.S.A. that is not quite a palindrome
30 Trying to produce concrete ideas? (two words)

DOWN

1 He doesn't know everything yet
2 Any sculptor can knock a little thing like this off quickly
3 Smart mixture of fish and insect
4 Hush! The enemy mustn't hear about this!
5 When we consider these, Mussolini is on the other side
6 If we are provincial, a theatre company this may be this theatre (three words)
7 What a customer, or a chairman, might have done (three words)
8 A game pursuer of the game (two words)
14 The raid reveals nothing in the scrap
15 Narrow canonised roué
19 It is connected to the Siegfried Line by comparatively fresh air (two words)
20 Oriental title
21 Distinctly material in flavour, but Easterns eat it
22 Not accidental
26 He is always in the rear of the battalion
27 Leap Year enables maids to make it (from the first half only)

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 8, Encomium; 9, Hilary; 10, Spotless; 12, Swipes; 14, Antechapel; 18, Opal; 21, Cantrip; 22, Twinkle; 23, Ache; 25, Counteract; 28, Cranky; 30, Careless; 32, Russet; 33, Duration. DOWN: 1, Inspan; 2, Dottle; 3, Like; 4, Amos; 5, Cheil; 6, Albino; 7, True; 11, Shampoo; 13, Solvent; 14, Archaic; 15, Tench; 16, Cord; 17, Estonia; 19, Pukka; 20, Wise; 24, Ernest; 25, Coyote; 26, Relate; 27, Castor; 29, Roup; 30, Cody; 31, Rare.

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